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REUNION CLASS Wes Rivel '72 writes, "My mother, Helen Stewart Rivel, passed away peacefully last month at 100 years of age. My father, **Robert Rivel**, was in the Class of 1942 and served on the Board of Trustees in the 1970s. My parents were very active alumni and Middlebury parents for me and for my sister, Joan Rivel Pettrone '74." Helen Rivel was an honorary member of the Class of 1942 and continued to attend Reunions even after her husband died of Alzheimer's in 2001. She and Robert were married September 11, 1948, in Brooklyn, N.Y., where they lived before moving to Westfield, N.J. After attending Miss Heffley Secretarial School in 1938, she worked for various companies in Brooklyn for 10 years. She enjoyed playing golf, in the tradition of her Scottish forebearers, and hit a hole-in-one in her 86th year. She loved traveling, visiting the Middle East, Europe—especially Scotland where her grandfather was born in 1848 in Dundee—and Brazil, where Wes worked. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren will miss her.

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Ruth "Smiley" Riley Wendell says that residents of her abode are no longer required to wear masks, although staff still must do so. She went to visit her daughter, who lives nearby, and then had to be quarantined for two weeks in her room! We had a good phone conversation and Smiley told me about all her "descendants" who also attended Middlebury. Since I was having trouble writing it all down, Smiley said she'd send me her news. • I talk fairly often to **Barbara "Flinkie" Flink Ewels** who wishes she lived closer to Michigan so she could see more of her adorable great-grandson, Jack, who was born in September last year. • **Mary Jane "Sel" Selleck Hellekjaer** claims to have no news but did tell me that she's quite happy where she lives in Bethesda, Md., and has some good friends there. She can get around quickly in a motorized scooter. She was taken to a peach orchard by her daughter recently—her description of reaching up the tree for a perfect ripe peach made my mouth water. • **Jean Schwab Schork** returned my call. Yay! Her daughter brought her to her summer home in Maine, where she stayed until the end of July. Jean now has two great-grandchildren, a girl in Florida and a boy in upstate New York. (Hope I got that right, Jean.) She doesn't plan to direct the choral group that she led for many years before COVID-19 interfered, claiming to be a little too wobbly to stand before them that long. I know she will be sorely missed! • I regret to report the death in May of **Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom**, who was my co-correspondent for 1946. Mary Elizabeth composed a new national hymn in 2017, "Land of the Free," to the tune of "God of Our Fathers," complete with trumpet voluntary. The world premiere was held at St. David's Episcopal Church, where her memorial service was held on September 18. We send sympathy to her children. • I also am sorry to report that **Dolores Balzac Wiemann** died in July, and we send condolences to her family as well.
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REUNION CLASS When requesting news for the 1947 column, I suggested that it would be fun to have members write about a memory retained from our years at the College. The response could hardly be called overwhelming: I received all of three. **Tiffany Clark Nourse** wrote before reading my request. She said she found the transition to no-mask living a great change. She rejoices now that she can play bridge and actually chat with the others around the table. She is quilting a blanket for a newcomer due in November but is glad she has plenty of time. Tiffany said that it seems as if plants of all kinds are showing more growth and color this year in Vermont and that the Green Mountains are truly, beautifully green. Her family is well, for which she is grateful, but she is very concerned over the direction the country is taking. She said the College continues to do well. • **Jinny Stowell James** wrote that she never forgets her days, so long ago, at Middlebury—the work, the reading, the well-constructed (or not) papers. She did not enter Middlebury until the spring session and she missed entry activities and forming friendly links, but she "soaked them up starting in February's snow-filled days." She remembers enjoying the skiing and building with snow and ice, and the ice sculptures in particular. She remembers PT-109, the ice sculpture that we worked on, and wonders why we did not take pictures of it and others. • **Betsy Hornaday Fry** remembers that we were not allowed to go home for Christmas freshman year. Some girls found a supply of booze for us and others to share. For some it was an introduction to alcoholic beverages and they did not do well the next day. • I remember step singing in front of Mead Chapel. Each class sang two songs, one free choice and the other original. Our original was not very uplifting, but the Class of '48 could boast a talented young woman who composed a beautiful song. For this occasion we all dressed in white and wore high heels. I suppose today's students would think, "How quaint." One day in our sophomore year I looked out my window at Pearsons and saw a group of women kneeling in the grass, all wearing aprons with large pockets. I guessed correctly that they were harvesting dandelion greens and, indeed, our main vegetable at dinner was dandelion greens (most of which were sent back uneaten to the kitchen). It did not occur to me until years later what a hard job those women had. It was still wartime, we were still limited by ration books, and many foodstuffs were short or unavailable or gone to war along with our soldiers; yet they fed us quite well and left ample unused stamps in our ration books for the occasions when we were allowed to go home. • Do you remember: Thursday dress night for dinner, wooden planks that covered the walks in the winter, slacks allowed only when attending lab, required Sunday chapel (Catholics could go to church in the village but attendance was taken), three allowed class cuts, the weekend cultural conferences (one featuring Adam Clayton Powell), room inspections, etc., etc.? If you remember, why not send other remembrances for our next column?
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Correspondent **Dixon Hemphill** reports: The period between June and September of this year was a busy one for us. One of our grandchildren was married on June 19 at one of northern Virginia's wineries. All went well in spite of the 90-degree heat. In July our son Pete and I traveled to my hometown of Westerly, R.I., for a short but busy two-day visit. While there we went to Watch Hill where years ago my two brothers and I swam almost every summer day back in the late 1930s and '40s. Our mother drove us there from our home in a 1925 Model A Ford, which she purchased for $50.00. We also visited my two nieces and their families at a deli in Mystic where one niece has worked for 35 years. One aspect we did not enjoy was the extreme traffic we encountered from northern Virginia to Westerly. At the end of July our son Jim and I attended a Masters National Track and Field Championship in Ames, Iowa, where I competed in the 100, 200, and 400 me-

ter races. A wedding of another grandchild took place at the Outer Banks in North Carolina on August 28. The ceremony took place on a beach where over 150 guests enjoyed the event in spite of 90-degree heat similar to what we felt at the earlier wedding. I would love to hear from some of my Midd '49 classmates.
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51 Hi, classmates. Well, we missed our 70th Reunion, but did any of you see President Patton on Zoom on June 12? She gave a wonderful talk explaining how the College handled the pandemic, being sure that the students were not deprived in any way and that they were kept safe. It was challenging but it sounded to me that it was extremely well-handled. I would like to see her speech in print. It was very impressive. Now to class news. • **Alex** and Anne Meyer '50 **Marshall** have decided they will not go to Florida this winter but will stay in the North. Frankly, after all the steamy weather we've been having, some snow might be welcome! Alex commented that as we become older we realize that "each day is a gift." • **Joan Macklaier Birkett** is still happy living in her one-floor condo with nice scenery rather than going into a senior living facility. She has eyesight problems but is enjoying having her children visit. She is also continuing to write poetry. • **Cristina Schweiker Herrlich** commented on the strange quirks of old age that pop up! Anyone else notice those? She still swims and that helps her, and she keeps busy with volunteer work. Her son and daughter live four hours away and they have been getting together every month during these difficult times. They are planning a trip to the White Mountains. • **Elizabeth Gale Woods** wrote that she is still happy at Wake Robin senior facility in Shelburne, Vt. She can come and go as she wishes but there are programs and activities and meals as well. • **Jim** and Ann McGinley '53 **Ross** became great-grandparents as of March 29. [Ed note: We are sorry to report that Jim Ross died on September 19.] • Now, sadly, I must report that **Anne Monzert Greenleaf** died in April as did **Don Sherburne**. In July **Bill Deming** called me to inform me that his wife, **Phyllis Cole Deming**, died July 19. I also learned that **Anne Drysdale Connington** died in June. And for those who did not receive my email, my husband died in May. Remember, each day is a gift. • Please enjoy the fall and please share your thoughts, your memories, your activities, etc. But also share your problems and maybe we can help you find solutions! We are, after all, a very intelligent group of senior citizens! We're MIDDLEBURY graduates! Yea! Best wishes, **Lee Webster McArthur**.
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52 **REUNION CLASS** Just in passing I called several classmates a bit ago—**Mary Halstead Francouer**, **Sally Baldwin Uitiger**, and **Marie Cavanaugh Frink**. I wasn't looking for news but learned that Mary is using a walker with the result that she and her daughter are redesigning a downstairs bathroom. A kind of sitcom evolved leaving me with images of Mary trapped in a hallway behind a door that opened the wrong way—not true of course but nearly so. • There was excellent news from Sally in the wake of her heart valve work—all's well! • And finally, the capper was Marie. The news I got from her was not what I would ever have expected. She has become a baseball fan—Major League, that is. Misquoting her, she informed me that she really liked the game because it is slow and they do all these things—snatching at their clothes, making strange gestures, fiddling around. In short, she likes the secret signals! Marie and Major League Baseball—Whee! • I wish some of the guys in our class would get in touch. It would be great! Thanks. **BV**
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53 Yes, folks, there is a Class of '53 and over 100 survivors sprinkled across the country. We will be reaching out to them for future class notes, but your contributions are more than welcome anytime. • For now, I'm sorry to note the death of **Marion Seymour** on July 22. Marion had a long social work career and retired to Santa Fe, N.M., in 1995. There, she continued her volunteering for worthwhile causes.
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54 Correspondent **Julie Howard Parker** reports: **Lois Wanstall Kaufmann** may live as close to the Middlebury College campus as any of our 1954 classmates, in her lovely apartment at the Residence at Otter Creek on Lodge Road. We have been to dinner with Lois and always enjoy driving up to the retirement community on a winding road with bird boxes spaced to attract bluebirds. Lois is aware of town-gown relations as both a resident of Middlebury and a graduate of the College. She said that during the five years she has been there, she has been continually impressed with how hard the administration has worked to foster good relations with the town. She has been especially impressed with the fact the College is responsible for matching student volunteers with opportunities in the community. This has led to employment for some graduates. • Correspondent **Tom Ryan** reports: **Cecily Mattocks Marshall** is always in good spirits! We touched again on her life as a POW in the Japanese prison camp at Santo Tomas outside of Manila, and I told her of the other residents on the hall of our retirement community: of eight apartments, one is occupied by a gentleman born in China, who didn't get out until 1948. He was not interned by the "extremely brutal Japanese because I was German. My father worked for BASF." A lady down the hall got out of Ukraine a half step ahead of the Russians and spent five years in displaced persons camps in Germany before being dropped in Toledo, Ohio. On a somewhat different subject, Cecily talked of avoiding phys ed at Middlebury: "I could have written a book on 'How to Avoid Phys Ed' until it caught up with me my senior year and I found I couldn't graduate, because I was 30 hours short of phys ed! So I put on my raincoat and boots and took up archery behind one of the dorms until I could work off those 30 hours. Can you imagine any of this happening today?" A different world! • I had dinner recently with a close friend, and Catholic priest, who is being transferred from Houston to the University of Toronto in Canada. So, I immediately called **Susan Lackey Willoughby**, the retired Canadian organic cattle rancher now living in downtown Toronto. She replied she would, of course, be pleased to do whatever she could for my friend. She, and all her family, have been vaccinated and are out and around; she locally uses a scooter in downtown Toronto. Like many of us, extended travel for them is becoming more difficult, but their son has a tree farming business less than an hour away, so they often get out in the country for visits and picnics. • Canada is opening up nicely, and I hope that all of us will soon be able to go there. Toronto, on Lake Ontario, is well worth a visit. The train trip through the Rockies from Banff/Lake Louise to Vancouver is still on my bucket list, and the eastern Canadian provinces (aggressively French!) are magnificent! • Speaking of the eastern provinces, **Julie Parker** adds, "Two years ago **Peter** and I took a one-night driving trip with a good friend to the eastern provinces of Canada, referred to as the Eastern Townships. The minute we crossed the Vermont border into Stanhope we were immersed in Québec du Sud, all French-speaking, with the same marvelous patisserie cafés, and even a lavender enterprise that was managing to grow a hearty crop of lavender for their manufacture of lotions, soaps, and creams. It was a different world from Vermont, just three hours away from our Granville family forest." • **Bob** and **Barbara Totten Perkins** are living, at least temporarily, in Richmond, Va., in a retirement community to be close to family. They have sold their Cape Cod house and plan to be back in Naples, Fla., in November. Their health is adequate, "with some problems." Both are still active: Bob got in a round of golf yesterday. But

they had the same issues that I (Tom) think we all had; the enforced isolation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic took something out of all of us and was particularly harsh on those that were alone. • And now the bad news: Lois Robinson Limbach died May 19. She and Karl were the backbone of the class, always available, always helpful; smart, capable, competent leaders who always did their best. And Jean Tibbetts Pentland, a good friend to so many of us, died June 14. These are hard times. • We have made it through the worst part. Let's get out there and be active and stay connected!
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Alli Lank writes, "The biggest news is that our retirement community is pretty well back to normal now. Which means the clubs are starting up again and we can eat in the dining rooms with no masks. Our daughter, Heather '84, is librarian of the Canadian Parliament. The library basically offers research support for MPs and senators as they draft legislation but also offers the usual library functions. We are very proud of her." • Roy Craig says, "I don't really have news, but I know you want some info from '55ers. This is my first year in Boulder, Colo. Different weather from New England. It seems there are more bicycles than cars. Huge emphasis on physical activity and outdoor life. I recently saw the biggest moon I have ever seen. Desert-intensity sun all the time. Boulder is at 5,430 feet; you drive about 30 minutes and you're at 6,000 feet; another hour gets you to 10,000 feet." • Bob Gallagher reports, "No interesting news. Happy to see friends and family. Thanks for your good work for '55." • Alan Gould writes, "This past spring at the Wilton (Conn.) Library, Pat and I attended the Chris Brubeck concert featuring his dad's top hits. Following the concert, the library dedicated the arrival of Dave Brubeck's complete collection. The collection will now be housed in a special room at the Wilton Library, a joy for jazz fans and researchers." • Sue Heyer Byers was planning to attend Alumni College, which happened August 26–29 this summer, and she'd heard from several classmates who also planned to attend. "The day before, after the golfers in the group have challenged themselves on the course, we host a catered reunion dinner. As always, half the lure of Alumni College is the variety of courses and half is the four days with classmates in that rare Bread Loaf setting. We'll just have returned from a month at our family house on Long Beach Island, N.J., a tradition since 1953 when my parents bought the house." • I have been the class correspondent for the men for many years. I gladly took on the women when Carlene Snyder Howland bowed out. However, since Sue Byers was the only one to respond this time, I think some woman classmate might be more effective. (I'll continue for the time being in hopes there will be more responses in the future.) Only four responses from the men. And please note my new email below. Best wishes to all in these troubled—and troubling—times.
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It's with great sadness that we report the deaths of Zane Hickcox Kotker and Hawley "Jonesie" Jones. Florence "Floppy" Hildreth White submits this loving tribute to her dear friend, Zane. "She was raised by a father who was one of the few truly Christian people I have ever met. She not only loved him, she wrote a wonderful book about him. How many daughters can do that? She wrote a lot of books, witty, funny, learned books that required deep research, which was okay because Zane was a history major and knew how to ferret out reality and spin it into great stories. She nursed her husband through 30 years of aggressive MS. She taught classes in several colleges, and supported abortion rights and many other causes. While I was teaching my kids to look for license plates from different states, Zane would get into a car with her kids and say, 'Okay, the Big Bang just happened. Let's take it from there and bring it up to the 20th century.' She was not an angel. She laughed at me and said, 'Florence, you missed the sexual revolution!' She was on Oprah and appeared in Ann Landers column. She started a support group called Well Spouse for caregivers, knowing that well-meaning people never said to them, how are YOU? It was always about the stricken. She was criticized by some for taking the well spouses' sides, but at the same time she was getting reviewed in the *New Yorker* for her novels. Over the years she wrote to her friends and I have thick folders of her letters and eventually emails. We visited often. When Ian and I built a house in rural Sonoma County, Zane came to look it over. We sat in silence in my new kitchen while a bobcat sauntered onto the loggia outside. So many moments we shared for so long. She was a most wonderful, brilliant, compassionate friend who battled very real and frightening life problems. She always kept her head above water, could still laugh and see more clearly than most. We have lost a talented and loving classmate; David and Ariel, an extraordinary mother; and I, the person I shared the most with the longest." • Phil Derick and Jack Kettell share their thoughts about Jonesie. Phil writes, "Jonesie and I were both sons of Vermonters. We spoke the same 'language.' We also roomed together for three of the four years at DU and Gifford. He was a quick wit, caring, and just plain fun to be around. He was also a very devoted family man. We stayed in contact both in business in the Boston area after Middlebury and in retirement in Florida. We will miss our annual 'Happy Birthday' singalongs." Jack writes, "Hawley and I were roommates our freshman year. Jack McDermott (where are you now?) was the third frosh sharing our two-bedroom 'suite' in Hepburn. One room had two beds, the other, just one. We drew straws and fortunately, for me, I won the single bed for our first semester in this, to us, new world. Jonesie, a Vermonter, was a reliable source of info for Mc-D and I who were from 'away.' He was also very helpful to us outsiders, prepping us on the Vermont way, which we found valuable and useful—that is, so long as we liked the Vermont way. During our time at Midd, Jonesie and I remained good friends, sharing many typical college experiences, including being fellow Delta U's. Postgraduation we had minimal contact—reunions, etc.—until we moved to Naples, Fla., and discovered that he and his lovely bride, Sandy, were also in Florida about 60 miles north of us on the west coast. Once a year, thereafter, a lunch was arranged at a mid-point at which we would knock back some beers or wine and remember those things which we had, previously, shared. Phil and Gail Knight Derick joined us on several occasions and the college remembrances we spun were hyperbolic in stature. The next-to-last time I saw Jonesie was in 2016 when we met classmate Pete Orvis for lunch in Punta Gorda, Fla. He was that year's Class of '56 fundraising chair, a subject which was the purpose of our get-together. My next contact with Jonesie was at the 60th Reunion get-together at Dick Catlin's in Vermont. Jonesie was there and seemed to enjoy the companionship although he was, by then, five years into illness. It was great to see him. He will be missed. He already is." • It was frustrating and disappointing not to be able to have our 65th Reunion in person, but the virtual Reunion was great fun and attended by many. We are awaiting a list of who came and will add that to the next column.
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REUNION CLASS It's not too early to SAVE THE DATE! Our 65th Reunion will be held June 10–12, 2022. Although Reunion will be held on campus, your Reunion committee is already planning several virtual events prior to June to provide opportunities to connect with each other and celebrate our Reunion year. Stay tuned for communication from the College by snail mail and email. We hope all of you will participate in our celebration of the wonderful Class of '57. Class members are encouraged to join our ad hoc committee. If you want to share your ideas for on-campus and virtual activities, please contact Pat Judah Palmer so she knows who wants to help create a fun, reminiscent weekend as the committee grows (patjpalmer@gmail.com). • Thanks also to Pat for the following: Well-known spouses of two of our classmates, Drue Cortell Gensler and Alyce Kelly Ostrow, passed away recently. Art Gensler and Drue, who passed away a few years ago,

founded Gensler Corp., the largest architectural firm in the world. Ron Ostrow was a highly respected journalist for the *LA Times* in Washington who achieved a number of scoops during his career largely due to the fact that he was universally liked and trusted. • Sadly, I also learned that **Briggs Spach** died in March and **Margaret Perry Greene** died in May.

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An enlightening piece defining happy days came from **Vansel Johnson**: "I have been living in Mexico now for seven years and am very happy living here. My wife, who is also a dancer, and I built a house overlooking Lake Chapala, which is the largest lake in Mexico surrounded by mountains. We are about 30 miles south of Guadalajara at an altitude of 5,000 feet with almost perfect weather year-round. We take yoga and ballet classes with many opportunities to dance at the local restaurants in Ajijic with live music. When we have time, we ride our horses along the lake enjoying the beautiful scenery." What a way to spend life in retirement! • **Marjorie Brown Mooney** tells us of a most interesting and inspiring project in which she's been involved for over 40 years: "Since the early 1970s, I have had the pleasure of restoring an old Federal house in Middlebury, Vt. The house is part of a long historical lineage, including one of George Washington's male secretaries, two presidents of Middlebury College, and a generation of artists from New Hampshire, and it even hails as part of the Underground Railroad. It has an original working fireplace in every room and is listed on the National Historical Register and the Vermont Historical Register. It has been a labor of love, and I continue to work on its restoration. My love of Middlebury, Middlebury College, and all the many memories they hold for me are dearest to my heart." Marjorie, your restoration work demonstrates your devotion to our alma mater, its location, and its historical importance. For that, we thank you so much! • **Cathy Murray Donohoe** shares an update with us: "I stepped down as features editor at the *Washington Times* in 2007, and shortly after that my husband Tom lost the use of his legs (statin-induced myopathy, they called it), whereupon he took to a wheelchair. We sold our house and moved into a condo apartment nearby, then traded in our car for one of those vans with a side ramp and I became a chauffeur. That was our life until three years ago, when Tom passed on. Since then, I've lived some very happy days, with good memories and good friends around me. And I do stay in touch with a couple of my Midd roommates, **Rita Chandellier Glavin** and **Barbara Widenor Maggs**. So, all in all, things are going well and I wish the same for all my mates of '58." Wonderful to hear from you, Cathy, and we're glad that life is good. • **Don Gould** sent us the following: "I always read the Midd class notes with great interest and am increasingly melancholy as I read of the passing of friends. Since our 25th (the last one I attended), I have traveled a wonderfully interesting road. I divorced amicably in 1985 and remarried to Suzanne Bresette in 1990. I moved from Manchester, Mass., to North Hampton, N.H. I retired as a partner from my Boston law firm (Goodwin, Procter) in 1994 after 30 years of practicing antitrust law and litigation. We bought two boats, got a slip in Longboat Key, Fla., and did a lot of summer cruising along the Maine-to-Florida coast. We also sailed to the Virgin Islands and Dry Tortugas plus took a few voyages to the Bahamas with friends. The boats and slip now are just very fond memories. After retirement, I became involved in local politics, serving on the North Hampton Planning Board and later as a selectman—a quaint New England concept akin to a city councillor. I no longer am a town official but am still active in political matters in the background, supporting candidates and causes—generally being a gadfly. I still practice law on a limited basis and enjoy the intellectual stimulation as well as the competitive aspect of litigation. I also enjoy doing some pro bono legal work for young friends who are just getting started in business, and it provides great satisfaction to be able to help them. My two children (Rob and Jean) live in Portland and Gorham, Maine, so I see them frequently and enjoy my three grandchildren, ages 21, 20 and 17. The oldest, Diana, just graduated from college and will be teaching second grade in Austin, Texas. Isabelle is enrolled at St. Michael's in Vermont and Killian is a senior in high school. Due to the normal allotment of octogenarian 'ouches' I have slowed quite a bit physically but still gimp around in my gardens and yard and enjoy light maintenance (painting and minor repairs). I enjoy reading and doing several puzzles every day. A nap is in order after lunch! While I miss my Midd acquaintances, I am saddened by what I see Middlebury becoming. In my eyes it is now an institution of extreme liberal indoctrination, where young minds are inculcated with sophistic ideas and intolerant views. I have watched this develop for years with increasing sadness and deep concern. My opinion only, and you may disagree and that's OK. Having just engaged in a curmudgeonly moment, I add that life has been good to me. I turn 86 in August and have no complaints or regrets. My warmest best wishes to all of our Midd mates." A very thorough and active life for Don! • We were saddened to learn of the passing of **Marilyn Hunter Ross** on May 11. Upon graduation, **Marilyn** married John Ross and settled in Syracuse, N.Y., then moved to Canton, N.Y. Throughout her life, Marilyn was active in her community and fueled by her curiosity and love for new experiences. She was an active member of her church in Canton and served as Brownie and Girl Scout leader for more than half a decade. Her life was filled with rich cultural experiences, ranging from book clubs to several trips throughout the U.S., Canada, China, and Europe. • An outstanding and dedicated member of our class has left us. As many of you probably know, **Milt Peterson** died peacefully on May 26, surrounded by his family. A native of Worcester, Mass., he was an ROTC graduate and served as a lieutenant with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers at Fort Belvoir, Va. It was there that he grew to know the nation's capital. He and wife **Carolyn (Skyllberg)**—they were the first couple in our class to be married while students at Middlebury—settled in the D.C. area where he saw great opportunity for the development of communities where people could live, work, shop, and play in a safe and comprehensively planned environment. He served many years as a Middlebury trustee, including as chair, and a comprehensive obituary for him appeared in the summer notes. He was devoted to family and work, and his commitment to Middlebury was superior. He will be sorely missed. • Please keep in touch. Continue to let us know about your activities and maybe things you never dreamed of doing 65 years ago!

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Congratulations to **John Medici**, who won the Carnegie Mineralogical Award for 2020. The award honors outstanding contributions in mineralogical preservation, conservation, and education. An avid field collector for over 50 years, he has preserved exceptional specimens from around the U.S. John writes, "I never even had a geology or mineralogy course, but I've had a lot of field-collecting successes with my sons in the U.S. and Canada and have written and lectured and provided many museums with specimens over the years. The largest specimen is over 900 pounds—a New York quartz pocket totally extracted in 1986 with a hammer and chisel as requested by Smithsonian curator John S. White at the time. It was put in an island display in their new mineral hall in 1989." A well-deserved award! • **Tony Garcia** reports he relocated to Bozeman, Mont., last November, which he'd left in May 2012. He could not afford to buy a house but moved into a two-bedroom apartment in an independent living place. "It's like a five-star hotel and we certainly enjoy the fact that we no longer need to cook, no housekeeping, and lots of activities. Winter was bearable, spring was wonderful until late June when all the forest fires began. And that too shall pass." • **Charlie Davis** says the forest fires in the Northwest brought "beautiful" red sunsets coupled with high temperatures. Yardwork for him starts with coffee at 6:30 a.m., then work or walk until 9 a.m. He misses the "grassing" days of Middlebury. • **John Rich** reports he experienced an unusual number of days with temps in the high 90s and occasionally over 100 in Idaho. Outside activities got compressed into four to five hours per day. But this was better than the restric-

tions brought on during the pre-vaccination time. Travel is limited to 50-mile day trips to Boise except for a 350-mile trip to Driggs, Idaho, where his stepdaughter lives and has built a yurt on a plot of land with a full view of the Tetons. • **Dick Hofmann** has returned to Long Island from Florida and states he has done nothing exciting except maintaining yard work and hoping things get back to normal. (Note—Dick usually has stories of travel to Europe and South America. Not this year.) • **Paul Fitzgerald** always has a fly rod with him everywhere he goes, including Missouri, Big Horn, the Hunt River in Labrador, Fort Smith, Mont., and the Babine River in British Columbia for steelhead. He has a friend in Whitefish, Mont., whose great-great-grandfather taught math and botany at Middlebury (circa 1895), subsequently became president of the College, and started the Endowment Foundation. • **Avery Tillinghast** has started to travel again with a wine-tasting tour of the Finger Lakes wineries and off to Moody Beach in southern Maine for a reunion with most of their children and families. • **Bick Bicknell** indicated he was a well-educated "redneck" fisherman who stumbled through life. "I have been a charter captain, an NYS licensed guide, and had my own outdoor TV program at the local PBS station. I was a Boy Scout leader and along with two others, was credited with producing 24 Eagle Scouts over a 10-year period from Troop 1 in Watertown, N.Y." • **Bruce Cameron** has relocated to a retirement community in Rancho Mirage, Calif. He's participating in exercise classes, tai chi, concerts, and weekly trips to local restaurants and places of interest. • We received the sad news of the death of **Richard Gariepy**, a member of Theta Chi, on June 18. • **Bob** and Polly Philbrick '60 **Ray** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July with all the family present. It was the first time since Christmas 2019. • **Fred Swan** and wife Pat will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary in November. As a small-time fisherman, he was extremely happy when he caught three trout and ate two. • **Andy Montgomery** and wife Joy celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August and planned to do a Mediterranean cruise in October. • **Ren Curry** was chomping at the bit to get back to Val Gardena in the Italian Dolomites in September, where they take a gondola to the top of the mountain, hike along the ridge, and come down in another town and take a bus back to the hotel. • **Bill Wemmerus** and wife Sandy are eagerly awaiting the return to in-person classes at Elder Study, their lifelong learning program affiliated with the University of Mary Washington in Fredricksburg, Va. His music group, curiously called Bill and Friends, has resumed doing performances for nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Bill has been learning how to play the mountain dulcimer to go with his other instruments—banjo, octave mandolin, and tin whistle. • **Paul Wachtell** sent sad news: "**Pekka** (**Peter**) **Lahdenpera** died peacefully on July 3, 2019, just after our last Reunion. Pekka was an amazing guy, coming from Finland when he was 12. His father was on the Finnish General Staff during the Winter War against the Soviet Union, and they had to escape Finland after WWII, fearing a Russian takeover. Pekka and I were not close at Midd, to put it mildly. He was a tough sports champ, and I was not in his league. But we clicked as adults at our 25th Reunion and had a really fantastic friendship of 40 years. We were joined in that friendship by Herb Thomas '60, a ski champ like Pete. We acted like the three musketeers, disturbing the citizenry of Sun Valley, Idaho, California, Seattle, New York, Denmark, and Finland. We pretended to be young guys but in reality were just a bunch of old bums, sometimes with 'too little blood in our alcohol.' Herby and I really miss Pekka, and in our frequent telephone conversations, we muse about our fantastic times together. Herby and I have planned a trip to Finland to visit Pekka's birthplace, Finland's old General Staff headquarters, in Rouvenimi, Finland." • **Anne Goebel Barkman** writes, "I have a new grandson, born at the beginning of June. Having a dog to walk took me out of the house during the lockdown, so that was a big help." • **Carolyn Parks Behr** says, "We rode out the pandemic in Williamstown, Mass., where people followed the rules by masking up and not gathering in person. But just two weeks after his second vaccination, Bob died unexpectedly of a heart attack on March 14." Carolyn is negotiating her new status as a widow. "The support from so many friends in this small town where we have lived for 40 years is heartwarming. And here, we are surrounded by the healing powers of fields and mountains and streams." • From Arizona, **Virginia Schlosser Vaules** writes, "Folks living in the desert Southwest feel about our summer weather the way people in other parts of the country feel about winter. For us it's something to be endured in exchange for seven to eight months of enviable weather. In 2020 we had some of the hottest days in memory, plus a summer that didn't end until November. And no cooling summer monsoons. This year we've broken some daily high temperature records but have had some rain. Those of us who are lucky stay in our air-conditioned homes and venture out early in the morning or after sunset." • When **Phyllis Leach Morris** checked in, she was soon leaving for Italy. She said isolation wasn't so bad last winter with the Internet and Zoom. "I had three book clubs, a magazine group, Canasta Junction, and millions of webinars. (I even watched a course on Biblical archaeology—fascinating.) Netflix had lots to watch, including a Turkish soap opera that I loved!" • **Judy Webster Bauer** writes, "News from Seattle is good with a high percentage of residents fully vaccinated, including us. However, we continue to stay mostly isolated because my husband, Dale, is immunocompromised since doctors don't know the efficacy of the vaccine for him. We walk three-plus miles daily, read a lot, enjoy cooking together, and try to keep up with the weeds that are thriving in our yard. We are beginning to visit with one friend at a time in our backyard instead of just waving at everyone." • **Barbara Samson Thompson** had a wonderful 84th birthday celebration with her family. "It was the first time in over two years that we have been all together! Son Ron and wife Anne came from NYC, daughter Deborah came from the UK, and Seth came from the UAE via Rockland, Maine. The following weekend, my grandson Ron and his girlfriend, Hilary, came and we celebrated again with another cake." • **Anne Martin Hartmann** was spending a family week on Lake Ossipee in New Hampshire when she wrote. "We have had some family pickle ball games. I gave up tennis, can't run too well, but I can manage pickle ball, which is so much fun. Here's my feeling about birthdays: Just when I got used to being 83, I turned 84." • **Patricia Sherlock Davidson** says, "It's wonderful to see friends in person and to have family gatherings now. I spent five days in Saranac Lake, N.Y., this summer and had hoped to see **Eleanor Vinke Sweeney**, but she was away. I've had fun lately writing childhood stories for my two grandchildren. I continue to do my math tutoring online. All good wishes to everyone."

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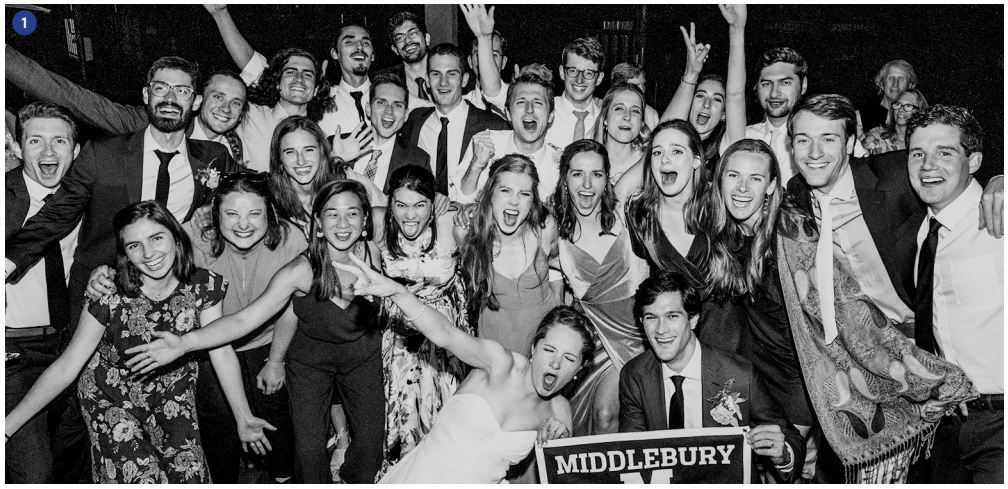
News came from **Linda Farr Macgregor** up in Maine: "**Betsy Comstock** and I have been friends since our freshman year in high school. We set off together for Middlebury and went different ways but stayed in touch. We've had some delightful times in Ottawa and here in Rumford. Now Betsy is at home in Oshkosh, Wis., back where her parents started from. We visit by email, at least weekly, and laugh at memories and How Things Are Now. **Diane Keegan Curran**, **Deb Wetmore**, and I manage to get together every year or so. Travel between Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine is, well—it's easier to get a weekend in London. I sold my house last fall and am in the drawn-out process of buying and renovating a place of my own right here. I continue on the library and planning boards and serve on an ad hoc save-our-meeting-house committee." She also reports that **Bill French** and wife Linda are happy and warm in Bluffton, S.C. Linda signs off with words we all can agree with: "Old and getting older!" • It was nice to hear from **Dave Center**, who now lives in Concord, N.C., where he retired after 34+ years with IBM, some of which were spent in Tucson and Atlanta. In retirement he spends his time engaging in various volunteer activities. • **Dick Atkinson** checked in from Waitsfield, Vt.: "Activity for us is very quiet and slow, good on one side and challenging on the other. Snow last winter wouldn't start and when it finally did (1/15/21), it hadn't stopped as of 4/24/21, outlasting the ski resort's closing date of 4/10. My most recent inter-

est is a new adult electric-assisted trike with specifications of up to a 24-mph maximum capacity; it's like a boat as that speed doesn't seem very fast, but when you are doing it, pay attention!" Dick was also hoping to transition from spectator to participant status in the Kelly Brush Foundation annual fundraiser ride in September. He was pleased to say that he accepts a challenge from **Dave Hopkins** and he added, "So watch out Hoppy, Tusker is coming!" • After enjoying life in Carpenteria, Calif., **Ed Sommers** fell and broke his hip avoiding a wave in March 2020. A partial hip replacement has not been successful, so Ed continues to have pain walking, has not played golf for over two years, and is contemplating a total hip replacement this fall. But he adds, "Life is very good, thanks to a truly happy marriage with **Jane Crittenden Sommers** '62, good children, grandchildren, and friends, and an exciting new living arrangement at EastView in Middlebury. Well, maybe 'exciting' is a bit of a stretch since most of our fellow residents are over 80 years old, like us, but certainly 'contented' fits." • Also on the move, **Sherb Merrill** and wife Susan moved to Seattle three years ago when their home on the North Carolina coast was destroyed by a hurricane but will now be moving to the Phoenix area, following family. • Meanwhile, **Linda Fiske** is staying put in Liverpool, N.Y., where she reports, "Nothing exciting. Just a quiet life." • We are saddened to announce the deaths of three classmates. **Derick Salls** died on May 11 in Kingsport, Tenn.; he had relocated there four years ago after living most of his life in Vermont. He was a veteran who joined our class midway through our four years and was a member of Kappa Delta Rho and an economics major. Rick was a longtime resident of Rutland where he was employed as controller at Rutland Plywood Corp. for over 30 years. A lifelong learner, he continued to read and study history, mathematics, and scientific subjects, and with DNA analysis and research, traced his ancestry back to the ninth century. He also loved tinkering with computers, listening to music from all over the world, and watching the Boston Red Sox win. • **Herbert Foster** died on June 1. As we know from his entry in a previous class column, as expected he died from pancreatic cancer which was diagnosed in February 2020. Herb majored in Russian at Middlebury, where he was active in the men's Undergraduate Association, Russian Club, and Newman Club and a member and vice president of Alpha Sigma Psi. After graduation he then added French to his language fluency and taught languages for 20 years in central Maine. He and his wife spent many years in the hospitality industry. Herb was always active in community and church activities and was a man of many talents and hobbies, including gardening, bridge, puzzles, birding, scrapbooking, genealogy, and travel. An avid hiker, he climbed all 452 peaks over 3,000 feet in New England and hiked the Long Trail. (See the wonderful piece he wrote in our 50th Reunion book, "On Hiking and Growing Older.") • **Gordon**

1 Friends gathered together in Needham, Mass., on July 17 to hear live music by Pete Francis, formerly of the band Dispatch, and raise money for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute: Jeanne Restivo Jacoby '99, Leslie Fox Arnould '01, Kate Griffiths Wilk '01, (back row) Dana Schneider '93, Matt Arnould '01, Pete Francis Heimbold '99, Corey Wilk '01, and Peter Jacoby '01. 2 Five Midd alums gathered in Wellesley, Mass., on June 13 to celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of Ellie Hoglund, daughter of Jackie Pelton Hoglund: Jonathan Nass '97, Jackie '97, Suzanne Daley '96.5, Ben Halpern '93, and Elizabeth Huffman Kaplan '99.

3 Class of 1985 friends gathered in July on Lake Winnipesaukee in New Hampshire for a delayed 35th Reunion: Peter Maust, Peter Hotvedt, Liz Thompson Hotvedt, Rachel Riemann Akera, David Richardson, and Michael Nealey.



1 Mackenzie Walsh '14 and Charlie Koch '13 were married on July 24, 2021, at the Sugar Bowl Ski Resort outside of Truckee, Calif. Many enthusiastic Middlebury friends joined the couple (in front) in celebration: Bree Baccaglini '15, Annie Hopper '14.5, Amanda Chen '14, Natalie Valentin '15, Abby Jenkins '14, Caroline Santinelli '14, Joanie Thompson '14, Annie Pokorny '15, Ford Van Fossan '13, Chris Batson '13, (second row) Kevin Irby '13, Kaveh Waddell '13, Sean Willerford '14, Liza Keller '15, Jeremy Janson '14, Henry Walsh '21, Nathan LaBarba '14, Caroline Nutt '14, Adrian Walsh '16, Asher Hussain '14, (third row) Kai Wiggins '16.5, Joseph Mutter '15, Nial Rele '12, Stu Fram '13, and Christian Holmes '14. 2 Friends from the Class of 1986 met on Middlebury's campus in June to give Becky Spahr Frazier's daughter, Ali, a tour: Heather Pierce Post, Becky, Ashley Bourne Dewey, Julie Morris Ogden, and Krista Faxon Atkeson. 3 In the summer of 2019, Julie Jones '91 and Tara Kasaks '91 shared a tent on their way to summiting Mount Kilimanjaro. 4 Walter Becker '68 and Marjorie Maguire were married in The Villages, Fla., on March 31, 2021.

"Chip" Thayer died on July 6 after an extended illness. At Middlebury, Chip was a chemistry major and participated in Mountain Club, Yacht Club, and intramurals, and was on the Interfraternity Council, Class Council, and a member and vice president of Chi Psi. Chip was well known throughout the sailing world; he was an excellent sailor and competitor and was a Certified National Race Officer. He supported sailboat racing and managed competitions on Chesapeake Bay and enjoyed sailing his own yacht as well as building model boats and ships. He also competed in ice dancing with his wife for many years and earned a gold medal from the United States Figure Skating Association.
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At least one reunion was facilitated during the run-up to our Reunion at Home. **John Harris** and Bill Ballou '62 got together in June. They had lunch in Perry, Maine, where Bill was staying with friends on the St. Croix River looking across to St. Andrews, Canada. John said, "It was like old times connecting with a friend that traveled around Europe with me during our sabbatical from Middlebury in 1960–61." After Bill's visit he returned to his home in Brazil. John also reports that after a five-year closure, Saddleback ski area in Rangeley, Maine, reopened last season. John and wife Koko (Hart) '63 are especially happy about that since they own a condo in the area. And John claims he can still get down the slopes in fairly good form. As you know from past notes, John is an antique car afficionado. Now that things have opened up, he has been making up for lost time showing antique cars at various tours and events. Amelia Island, Fla.; Lancaster, Pa.; Appleton, Wis.; and Cazenovia, N.Y., were some of the major venues. • **Sandy Anderson Bolton** sent greetings from Aspen Snowmass, Colo., where she was enjoying a limited but live music festival. There were only about 200 music students instead of the usual 680, so student orchestras were smaller. Earlier in the summer, Sandy saw **Roddy Stanton** in her hometown of Livingston, Mont. Sandy says it's a beautiful area and they had great fun together. After their family week at Lake Sunapee, N.H., our most intrepid traveler and her daughter went to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. They visited Susan Comstock Crampton '63, who is living in Tisbury on the Vineyard. During the visit they had dinner at the original Black Dog Café. Sandy added she was loving these mini-reunions! Sandy closed out her summer by going to Santa Fe for the opera, and then planned to be back in Snowmass until October. • **Sally Dougan** writes, "I had two of my images accepted into the Salmagundi Club's Annual Non-Members

Photography Art Show in August. It's quite an honor to be accepted into this show."
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REUNION CLASS Correspondent Judy Bosworth Roësset reports: Reunion is fast approaching—June 10–12, 2022! A committee of classmates is already busy planning activities and would welcome new members to the group and/or suggestions for them. Jim Shattuck has suggested a panel discussing national service—Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, military. (We have a large contingent of military vets in our class.) I know we have some Peace Corps vets, too. Before the actual dates roll around there will be some virtual activities. (I have no idea how that will be done but some of our more technologically aware members, as well as helpers from Midd do know how to do it.) We hope COVID restrictions will have eased up by June and almost everything else can be done on campus. Our class will be housed in Hepburn. I encourage all of you to save the dates and be there in person. • In August I attended another session of Middlebury Alumni College, which had been canceled last year because of COVID. It was wonderful to be back up at Bread Loaf for a few days even though the first day rivaled Texas for heat and humidity. It took two days to get to Burlington because of canceled flights out of Austin and then my suitcase went on vacation in Philadelphia, but we were eventually reunited in Middlebury, where I spent a couple nights with Nora Wright in her new cottage in the village. Al '63 and Susie Stevens McKibben came for supper one evening and we had a fine catching-up session before I reported to Bread Loaf for the course I'd signed up for: Is Polarization a Myth? The text we were assigned (published in 2017) by Professor Matt Dickinson concluded that the electorate is not particularly polarized, but the political class is (as well as out of touch with the wishes of the population they are supposed to be serving). This, though, doesn't take into account our last five years of dissension. I knew I was going into a hotbed of liberalism. According to an anonymous poll of our political affiliations that Professor Dickinson did, there were five Independents, one left-leaning Independent, one right-leaning Independent (me), and one Republican, and all the rest were Democrats. When fairly aggressive remarks about how anyone in their right mind could vote for Trump and no one ventured to say why the deplorables voted as they did (75 million of them!), I raised my hand and asked permission to try to explain. I guess I was the disruptive element in the class, and also ruffled a few feathers during a discussion at breakfast one morning, but actually it was very entertaining and interesting. I had no wish to change minds but simply to explain the stealth voters, those people who self-censor because of not wishing to come to blows with friends and neighbors, or fear being canceled if they are on social media and express their opinions. It is out of character for me to stand up and speak; I'd much rather listen, which is more educational than doing all the talking, but I found I could do it and that led to mealtime discussions with classmates that were very entertaining—although in the end I did not come away with any answers to my questions about why liberals think and vote as they do since I was so busy answering theirs. We needed a week, not just four days. By the way, it would really be nice if another 1962 classmate would go one of these years. The food is excellent; the wine was even good this year (they added a Spanish rioja to the choices), and there are great classes as well as out-of-class discussions. The Class of 1955 appears in force every year. Six of them were in my class and others signed up for something else. • Ben Rosin writes, "Gus Fanning died as a resident of Arizona on August 12. He served in the Army from graduation in 1962 to 1966. Among other endeavors, he obtained a master's in quantitative business analysis at USC and taught microeconomics and statistics for more than 26 years online at the University of Phoenix. D.K. Smith would have been proud and his fellow Chi Psis amazed. He is survived by his wife June, two children and three grandchildren." Ben is semi-retired (working two days a week at his child welfare law firm plus doing some pro bono cases) and living in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., enjoying pre- and postpandemic travel, visiting grandkids, and drowning worms in Long Island Sound.
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Correspondent Bruce Bailey reports: I am sad to report the passing of our classmate Harold Freeman, whom we all knew as Todd, on June 5. Todd graduated from St. Paul Academy, where he served as student body president. At Middlebury he was a member of ATO, played varsity tennis, sang with the Dissipated Eight, was elected to the Blue Key Honor Society, and served as Student Association president his senior year. After Middlebury, Todd worked at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and later became a personal fitness trainer. His activities in retirement were varied and impressive. We remember Todd as a friendly, outgoing person who will be missed. • Roy Crocker reports he participated in the recent Middlebury Football Virtual Alumni Reunion and ended up in a chat room talking with Jim Shattuck '62 and Herb Thomas '60. "We were the only ones from our era, but it was a fun experience," said Roy. This led to further email communication as Roy gave Herb credit for influencing him during Middlebury days to begin a serious fitness program that included weightlifting—a program that enabled Roy to gain some weight and eventually earn a starting position on the football team. Roy says he has maintained an active exercise program ever since based on these early efforts and sends along a belated thank-you to Herb for his early instruction and inspiration. • Susan and Larry Ring have sold their house in Tucson, where they have lived for 23 years and will be splitting their time between a smaller condominium in Tucson and a home in the EastView retirement community, not far from the athletic fields at Middlebury. They state visitors are welcome. Indeed, the Rings have come full circle, as it was in 1962 that they were married in the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Middlebury. Congratulations to Larry and Sue on almost 60 years together! • I enjoyed showing an old friend, Jane Corbett '65, and her husband, Martin, around Seattle on a recent visit on their way to meet their new grandson in Portland, Ore. The visit included a guided tour of the extensive development of the Seattle waterfront now underway, which I maintain will be a "game changer" as Seattle continues to meet the challenges of the disruptions caused by the pandemic. • Charlie MacCormack is still teaching at Middlebury, Yale, Harvard, and Fairfield, is serving on several boards, and is spending time with family, friends, and advisees. He describes the past year as a "nightmare," locked down and home alone, and he worries about civil war in the country. He is relieved that we seem to be coming out of the COVID crisis, but many issues remain unresolved, he maintains. • Craig Stewart and wife Val have just finished building a house in Port Townsend on Washington's Olympic Peninsula and he says he's grateful to me for introducing this part of the world many years ago. Craig and his family are spending most weekends enjoying this new home, and he continues his foundation work in the Seattle area. • Jim McKeown reports that he and wife Judy moved to Colorado to be closer to their two daughters and their families and have never looked back. "So far, we're very happy we moved when we did," says Jim. Even with COVID, they see both families fairly regularly and enjoy cheering on their grandchildren at their various games—soccer, lacrosse, swimming, volleyball, and field hockey. Granddaughters Charlotte and Katherine will graduate from high school in 2022 so they're now looking at college options. Grandson Henry is a freshman and focused on swimming. Judy is keeping fit at the local rec center and playing golf when the weather permits. Jim finds time at the rec center as well and does some volunteering—he has a 90-year-old friend who is legally blind, and he lunches with him regularly to discuss sports and politics "till we run out of gas." He also takes food gathered by his church in Littleton and delivers it to the homeless in downtown Denver a couple of times a month. Jim sees Barbara and Larry Noyes and Peggy and Jim Cole fairly regularly and is looking forward to a larger gathering of Middlebury friends sometime soon. • Jane Bachelder Johnson reported some good news in her family with her grandson graduating from high school and her granddaughter

graduating from the University of Chicago magna cum laude and elected to Phi Beta Kappa. "Pete '62 is still walking around with a silly grin on his face," says Jane. "We keep pretty busy. Pete is very active as a Guardian Ad Litem, making sure that the rights of the young people with whom he works are well represented. I am a trustee for a village church in Peru, Vt. It has been a fast-paced assignment as we have changed pastors and now are totally repainting the place." Beyond that, they enjoy their 200-year-old home in Danby, Vt., where they even change the sheets for Middlebury alums that visit. Everyone is welcome. • **Meg Holmes Robbins** says the most exciting thing she is doing now is trying to figure out what back-to-normal means after a year of so much change. She adds, "It doesn't help that all of this is happening while we are turning 80 and nothing is likely to be normal anyway!" Her involvement at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston has ended at least for now and during the pandemic she became more engaged with community environmental and emergency support systems. She is enjoying getting out now and seeing family and friends, but masks are always in the pocket. "Congratulations to everyone on their 80th birthdays! Who'd have believed it!" she concludes.

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It seemed that, with restrictions lifting, we might have more news, but apparently people are out "doing" rather than "reporting!" A thin news cycle! But there is sad news to report, unfortunately. **John Vecchiolla** writes, "I am sad to report the passing of **Marshall 'Dean' Montgomery** in May. Dean, or those who remembered him as Monty, practiced law in Greenwich and Stamford for almost 45 years. He was the first person I met when I entered Middlebury College. His first words were 'Do you play bridge?' We (later) bumped into each other at Fort Bragg and at the Tan Son Nhat in Saigon, now Ho Chi Minh City." Dean was born in Stamford, Conn., and graduated from St. Luke's School in New Canaan, Conn. After college, he was commissioned as an officer in the Army reserves from 1964 to 1968, and 1970 to 1974, serving active duty 1968–1970, including time in Vietnam. He earned the rank of captain, having been awarded the Bronze Star and joint service commendations in Vietnam. Dean's passions included sailing, bridge, skiing with his family, and teaching the children water sports at Lake Sunapee, N.H. He was known for his thoughtfulness, good humor, and volunteer activities, service on boards, bridge victories, and legal service. • More sad news comes from **Sam Gordon**, who says "Sadly, my dear friend **Debby Gillette Law** passed away in Boise, Idaho, from effects of Alzheimer's, I understand. A celebration of her life was held in Sun Valley, Sunday, August 15." The following is from her obituary, sent by her husband Bob: "Debby was originally from Barre, Vt. After graduating from Middlebury with a BA in geography, she moved to San Francisco and worked for Addison Wesley publishing and North Face. She married Bob Law in 1969; they moved to Zurich, Switzerland, for a year then returned to Marin County, Calif., where they raised their two children while Debby worked in the adventure travel industry. They moved to Sun Valley, Idaho, in 2002. Debby was an avid skier, member of the Middlebury ski team and Carnival Snow Queen in 1965. She and Bob skied in many places both in the U.S. and Europe. She was also a cyclist, riding through eight European countries and competing in century rides in California. She introduced Bob to backpacking, and they enjoyed treks in the Sierra Nevada and Sawtooth ranges as well as in the Himalayas. In addition, Debby enjoyed cooking and hosting large dinner parties for many friends." Sam Gordon was a good friend, who skied with them many times, enjoyed a safari with them in South Africa, and was close to her daughter and her brother Ned, a Dartmouth skier, and his family. • Happier news, though, came from **Lans Hays**, who said that they were planning to be up in the Adirondacks for a week in July and out in Santa Fe, N.M., for five weeks, beginning in August. But they were stuck between the unpleasantness of flying on American Airlines or spending four days driving across the country in the summer. "Hobson's Choice," he said, "except I don't remember who Hobson was." They were going to skip the Bread Loaf weekend of Alumni College in August but plan to return in subsequent years.

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Fred Berner, wife Lori, and their daughter, Christie, have lived in an old house in the Edgemoor neighborhood of Bethesda, Md., for 30 years. Two years ago, with the help of Lori and their Edgemoor neighbor Marren Ward Meehan '62, Fred wrote a history of the neighborhood entitled *Old Edgemoor: The Heart of Bethesda*. More recently, Marren and Fred helped write a history of the Edgemoor Club for the Club's 100th anniversary. A past president of the Edgemoor Club, Tom Meehan '62 is now president of Edgemoor investment advisors. Fred fondly remembers when Tom and the late Ron Brown '62 taught the freshmen men to sing the College songs in the fall of 1961. • **Bonnie Trompeter Lowe** reports that her daughter, Christa, has been working with **Wally Lord**'s son, Philip, on the same show in LA, *Clone High*. He's a writer and she has a role. Somehow Middlebury came up and they made the connection. • Mary Ann Eldred has sent us Eric Linder's new and extraordinary book, *Tiger in the Sea.* It describes in vivid detail the September 1962 (our sophomore year) night crash of a Super Constellation aircraft in the Atlantic with heavy seas. What's most remarkable is that of the 76 on board, 48 miraculously survived, one being the father of our late **Bob Eldred**. Sadly, his mom did not. • **Pete Donavan** and wife Nancy are happily retired and in good health. "After many years of avoiding Vermont's dark months, we recently sold our winter home in South Carolina and are now living year-round in Bennington, Vt. We are using some of the sale proceeds to update our guest cottage. We're hoping our improved guest quarters will entice friends to stop by for a visit. Our five kids are well employed and enjoy good health. Our 14 grandchildren live in London, San Francisco, Seattle, and Vermont. The oldest has already graduated from college! Nancy plays bridge, sews, gardens, and humors me with an occasional nine holes of golf. During the summer I regularly play golf and take care of our property with a variety of John Deere tractors. During the winter I do some cross-country skiing and manage our firewood supply. Although my hiking days are over, I enjoy a walk whenever possible." • **Marilyn "Lyn"** or **"Midge" Madden** died in her Alberta, Canada, home last April. Born in Montreal, she moved with her family to New Jersey as a child. As a student she excelled in academics, was a voracious reader, and loved field hockey. After graduating from Middlebury, she did graduate work in cultural anthropology at American University. Marilyn had a varied and adventurous working career. She spent many years living and working in D.C., beginning in 1968 at the White House for the National Security Council. Then she took a job in Brussels from where she had the opportunity to travel throughout Europe. In 1976 she joined friends for a six-month journey through Africa traveling from London to Johannesburg in a WWII converted troop-carrying truck. She camped, cooked over wood fires, interacted with local people, and viewed African wildlife often a little too close. She relocated to Canmore, Alberta, in the early 2000s to be close to her mother and became a Canadian citizen again. She loved Vermont and the lifelong friends she made, the lively comradery in Pearsons Hall, and the ability to pursue her love of history. She will be dearly missed for her warmth, generosity, laughter, and wicked sense of humor. • We're sorry to report that Arthur Sachs died in April, after living with the effects of a glioblastoma for six-and-a-half years. He is survived by **Mary Hawkins Sachs**, his wife of 52 years, and his sons, Andrew, Christopher, and Timothy. He worked in magazine publishing with *Scientific American* and *Time,* and as a financial advisor with Penn Mutual and MetLife. • **Barb Zurer Pearson** has sent us news about **Ruth Friendlander Huart**, who died of cancer in May 2020. The daughter of a German physicist involved in the Manhattan Project during WWII, Ruth

completed Middlebury's fifth year in France after getting her BA in French, earning a master's. She leaves her husband, Max, two sons, and four grandchildren, all residing in France. After raising her family, she got her doctorate in 1983, studying under Antoine Culioli. Barb has one of Ruth's books, *Nouvelle grammaire de l'anglais oral (2010)*, which lists her as emeritus professor at l'universite Paris-Diderot. Her colleagues reported she was active in her discipline until 15 days before her death.

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As many of you discovered from **Glenn Govertsen**'s memorial slide show during our 55th Reunion week, **Bob Nields** has died. He passed away in November last year. His obituary appeared in the spring class notes but we would also welcome memories from classmates who knew him best. **Prue Frey Heikkinen** and **Francine Clark Page** remember his smile and enthusiasm. A quote from Bob's 25th Reunion yearbook write-up supports the mental image we have of Bob, who for many years enjoyed riding horses, and not necessarily very tame ones: "The first thing that you must do after you catch the horse that threw you is to get right back on, and when you do, you are going to learn a lot more about yourself and the horse than someone who never had the opportunity to fall off!" • After coming upon a 1963 photo of her Sigma Kappa classmates, **Francine Page** got up her courage and investigated how the dozen or so of them might reconnect on Zoom after all these years. **Andrea Agrell** and **Kathie Forster Birat**, both currently living in France, helpfully suggested times that their time zone might work with the three U.S. time zones our other Class of 1966 classmates were living in. With encouragement from **Martha Synerholm McSherry** and **Judy Nothnagle Reynolds**, they found a date and time and spent a delightful hour in late May catching up with **Brenda Booth**, **Carol Gillen June**, **Gesa Burckhardt Racz**, and **Sue Glazier Swartz**. • Here's a recap of our April–June 55th Reunion activities from our Reunion chair, **Joan Lardner Paul**, with thanks to those who volunteered time and talents: We gave a class gift in honor of our 55th of a handcrafted Nantucket basket to President Patton—Sue and **Dow Davis** get special honorary recognition, especially Sue who crafted the exquisite basket, which featured a custom emblem in its base citing our class; we enjoyed a SmugMug show of photos collected from classmates by **Don Snyder** and put together by him, featuring scenes from our Middlebury days to Reunion photos to class mini-reunions; we had a musical performance coordinated by Regine and **Steve Perry** that also included **Don Snyder** and **Joan Paul**; some of us heard about "Blue Zones and the Greek Island of Ikaria" as part of the Grant lecture, named for the father of **Kitty Grant Galaitsis**, Charles Grant, who was a history professor at Midd; during "Route 66 Road Trips," we heard from **Holly Hartley**, **Martha McSherry**, **Mart Matthews**, **Shirley Frobes**, and **Tina Albright Kubicka**, who gave short talks about postgraduation travels; we appreciated a lovely virtual class memorial hosted by **Glenn Govertsen**, who presented photos and tributes to those in our class who have died; we watched a panel called Class Experiences, moderated by **Dow Davis** and featuring **Peter Allen**, **Nancy McMullin Fischer**, **Jean Gear Lamont**, **Dick Lippert**, and **Hugh Clark**, who gave short talks about experiences from raising puppies to be guide dogs to being hospitalized with COVID; we took a virtual tour through the Bixby and Company chocolate factory with **Gordie McAleer** and his daughter, Kate; we saw a presentation on the history of marijuana and its benefits for the aging, given by Joe McSherry, MD, PhD, husband of classmate **Martha McSherry**; and we heard about Three Gents' Travels, written by **John Buffum**, rally car driver, **Steve Perry**, zoological researcher, and **James Ward**, historian. • Very special thanks go to our anonymous classmate who provided $75,000 to create an incentive challenge fund to help raise funds for our donor goal. Our class raised $438,042 with a 58 percent participation rate (122 donors) for Middlebury College, earning us the Parton Family Award for the "Reunion class, other than 25th or 50th, with the greatest increase in participation" (up from 36 percent last year)! • Big thanks to classmates who helped with phone calls, notes, and their participation to make the virtual Reunion a success: **Peter Allen**, **Dianne Watson Carter**, **Preston Carter**, **Rick Church**, **Dow Davis**, **Ann Parker Demong**, **Nancy Fischer**, **Carolyn Estabrook Frye**, **Kitty Galaitsis**, **Glenn Govertsen**, **Holly Hartley**, **Prue Heikkinen**, **Karen Glazier Kingsley**, **Jean Lamont**, **Janet Langdon**, **Dick Lippert**, **Mart Matthews**, **Lois Thornhill McCluskey**, **Gordie McAleer**, **Dick McKerr**, **Martha McSherry**, **Dedee Kepple O'Neil**, **Mark O'Reilly**, **Francine Page**, **Joan Paul**, **Steve Perry**, **Judy Reynolds**, **Cathy Zawistoski Sampson**, **Don Snyder**, and **Harriet Williams**. And last big thanks to the core leadership team for the Reunion: **Joan Paul** (chair), **Dow Davis**, **Prue Heikkinen**, and **Mart Matthews**, PLUS Alyssa Sinclair '94 and Lyn DeGraff of the Middlebury College Alumni Office. Next Route 66 stop: our 60th Reunion! • Lastly, **Prue** and **Francine** earned the Jean Seeler-Gifford '60 Outstanding Class Correspondent Award for class correspondents "who went above and beyond" in their roles.

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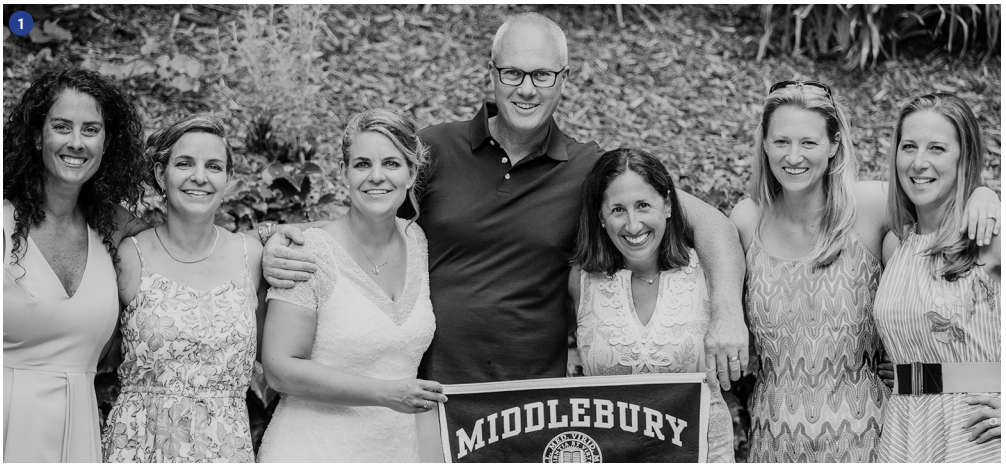
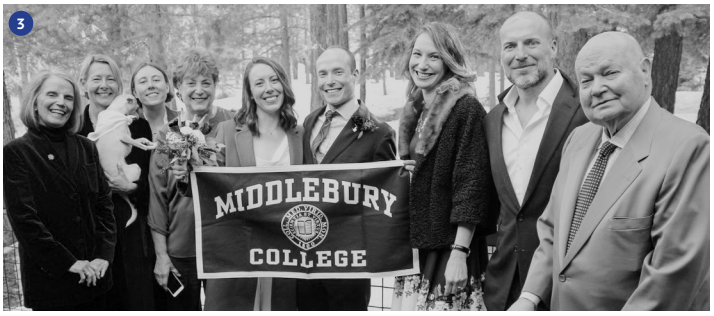
REUNION CLASS **John Liccardi** sent sad news: "We note with great sadness the passing of **Sheldon Baker** of Old Lyme, Conn., on August 6. Born in Barre, Vt., his family later moved to Pittsburgh, Pa. After attending Middlebury, he settled into the field of wholesale paper marketing, at which he excelled, retiring in 2010. The gift of his beautiful tenor singing voice, whether performing solo, with the Dissipated Eight, in a chorale, or just jamming around the piano, was a delight to all and surely his legacy. One of life's singular joys was listening to or singing with Sheldon. Shelley had an inspiring talent for nurturing and maintaining lifelong friendships, many from his Middlebury years. He selflessly gave his time, energy, and humor to assuring contact with and among his friends and was always prodding us all to attend the next college Reunion." • **Roger Lathbury** reports, "Next January 27, the third volume of **Richard Hawley**'s ongoing project *On My Way Out* will be published by Orchises Press. His minute and engaged journal continues. This latest addition to the series extends the granular examination of Hawley's life—and, thanks to his typicality and his awareness of our environment, by implication to the lives of all of us. It's at once both deeply personal and grandly representative. The first two volumes have been greeted with many appreciative and attentive readings and comments ('elegantly constructed and carefully measured prose'); this riveting third installment is in every way their equal." • Thanks to the inspired example of the Wof67 and the continued efforts of **Drew Otocka** and **Dave Tura**, M.o.S.S. (Men of Sixty-Seven) gathered on the north side of a fishing camp in southern Vermont to renew old friendships, share our current lives, golf, fish, nap, hike, sing, laugh, barbeque, nap, and tell tales of our legendary youth and classmates past and passed. Hope this inspires the young'uns just reaching their 30th, 40th, or 50th Reunions. Joining Dave and Drew were **Paul Ford** and his dog Barkley, **Andy Avery** and **Skip Leonard** with their guitars at the ready, and **Pete Thaxter**, **Jim Adams**, and **Pete Kovner** with their finely tuned vocal instruments. • Wof67 did gather in September 2021 after having to cancel due to COVID in 2020. Even this year, about a third of our committed participants needed to withdraw mostly due to the Delta variant. The planning triumvirate of **Kathie Towle Hession**, **Helen Martin Whyte**, and **Susie Davis Patterson** had, therefore, worked on this gathering for two years. In the end, Kathie had a conflict and could not join us, and Helen, *on her way* to our venue in Pittsford, Vt., stopped for coffee, stepped off a curb, and fell and broke all three main bones in her ankle. Ouch! She handled her own ambulance call and ride to Rutland Hospital and, ever the responsible one, called Susie from the big, bad curb, and again from the ambulance to convey information and instructions for carrying on! Which, of course, we did, but felt disappointed to be missing



1 Nina Kieves '02 married Justin Rogers on June 27, 2021, in an intimate backyard wedding in Minnetonka, Minn. Immediate family and four Midd Kid ice hockey teammate wedding crashers were there to help celebrate the perfect day: Lynette Cassidy '02, Nico Kieves Wyrobek '02, the newlyweds, Catherine Elkins '02, Kelly Hase Elliott '00, and Elissa Burnell McGee '01. 2 Sam Hage '16 and Clara Gottesman '15 were married on June 13, 2020, in a beautiful (but much smaller than anticipated) ceremony in Burlington, Vt. A few Middlebury friends were able to celebrate with them: Ian McInerney '16.5, the newlyweds, Grace Benz '15, (standing) Jeff Hetzel '14, Staci Hill '15, and Matt Brophy '16.



3 On March 27, 2021, Tim Henderson '10 married Paige Kendall in a "COVID wedding" attended by immediate family at Tim's parents' home near Lake Tahoe, Calif. The wedding was a happy event after a stressful year of pandemic. 4 To celebrate their 50th birthdays, Catherine McGrady '91, Jenny Miller '91, and Tara Kasaks '91 went to London for a long weekend: Jenny and Catherine.

so many of our faithful and usual participants. Once again, heartfelt bonding happened, especially during our sharing circles and a sing-along of Midd, D-8, and popular songs of our college years, led by **Patty Ramsey**. Raising our voices and sharing our continuing stories together, in addition to those mentioned above, were **Anne Daignault**, **Elaine Dunphy Foster**, **Faith Cohoon Leonard**, **Freddie Mahlmann**, **Jana Mara Coffin**, **Joan Viehdorfer Roller**, **Karen Unsworth**, **Lee Powers Smith**, **Linda Morse**, **Margot Childs Cheel**, **Marion Boultbee**, **Mary Tallafuss Cuyler**, **Sue Rugg Parmenter**, **Nancy Boardman**, and **Clare Tweedy McMorris**. Our spirits were high and hugs did their magic through three days together. The group chose to meet fall 2022, even though we will hopefully have been together for our 55th Reunion, the weekend of June 10–12. Women on our email list should hear by later this fall the dates and location for next fall. If you'd like to join our email list, please do so by contacting Susie Patterson at the email address below. • **John Plant** reminisced about Prof. George Todd after learning of his death on August 27: "George Todd came to Middlebury precisely at the halfway point of my own years there, in 1965. I owe to him the awareness of my vocation as a composer. It was inspiring to have a mentor whose sympathies ranged from Mozart to Boulez. It seemed a dream come true to be able to devote an entire semester to the study of *Don Giovanni.* And I remember vividly an evening with him when he introduced me to Boulez's now classic *Le marteau sans maître*; my enthusiasm was rewarded with a gift of the record he had just played for me. His prompt and wise emotional support following my decision to emigrate to Canada during the Vietnam War marked the beginning of a lifelong friendship. As a composer, he was a brilliant pioneer on several fronts; his wonderful *Emergence* deserves a place of honor in the history of music inspired by the spoken word. Not incidentally, he was a superlative reader of poetry. As a teacher, his kindness, insight, and generosity changed the course of my life, and I owe him an incalculable debt." An obituary for Todd appears at the end of these notes.

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Kenneth "Mike" Blount writes, "My four-year-old grandsons, who live on a cul-de-sac, are now capable of coloring acre-plus areas with sidewalk chalk. On another note, **Joe Wood**, who I went to high school with prior to Middlebury, won the Waring Prize at Western Reserve Academy. This is the BIG DEAL alumni honor and was well deserved. He, unfortunately, got jobbed out of all the on-campus celebration by our old friend COVID."

• Susan Caughman says, "Everyone should be as lucky as I am to have incredible Middlebury friends. Susan Hastings Chandler and husband Wells, and Nancy Cahill Mercer and husband John spent a May weekend tackling garden beds, repairing fences and windows, moving furniture, and generally whipping my house into shape. Many laughs and much gratitude on my part." • Peter Knobler writes, "After collaborating with Bill Bratton, James Carville, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Ann Richards, Sumner Redstone, Tommy Hilfiger, Donny Deutsch, and a bunch of others, always writing in other people's voices, I am pleased to present my first piece of published fiction, a short story, "The Right Side of the Diamond," written in my own voice. It was published online by the Fortnightly Review. My book with former NYPD commissioner Bill Bratton, *The Profession: A Memoir of Community, Race, and the Arc of Policing in America*, was published in June and selected as a *New York Times Book Review* Editors' Choice." • Dan Curry shares, "Now that COVID has slowed down, in August I did a book signing and presentation at a sci-fi convention in Las Vegas, and I'll likely appear at Comicon in New York City in October. Currently I am working with two production companies developing a sci-fi series I created, and I'm working on a long-postponed novel set in Laos in 1970. Still doing fine arts." • Gail Hyde writes that, since all her gigs with tenor Casey Costello at senior homes in the Rochester, N.Y., area were canceled during the pandemic, she and Casey began recording performances and either sending DVDs or uploading them to various venues. The first was a Jeanette MacDonald/Nelson Eddy program at the Rochester Fringe Festival in fall 2020. Since then, they have recorded programs for Christmas, a "wistful" Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and spring ("I'll Remember April"). Most of the music is either from the *Great American Songbook* or in the public domain—so it's the older music that the seniors know and love. Even though some of the senior homes are starting to open up again for in-person concerts, Gail and Casey are continuing to record all of their programs, from which Casey edits, masters, and produces DVDs and CDs. • As mentioned in the summer notes, Walter Becker was married in March. Check out a photo on page 66! • Please let Gail or Tobi know of your news, especially in our sort of post-COVID world!

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Sadly, many of us have been aware of Ginny (Hopper) and Jim Hoverman's yearlong journey with Jim's cancer. Ginny wrote, "Jim died of stage 4 cancer on August 16. Jim loved the outdoors and reveled in mountain hikes and woodsy walks. He called the outdoors his 'cathedral' and often created a poem when hiking. While at Middlebury, Jim was a member of DU, where he was well known for his love of English literature and late-night bridge games. Jim gave credit to his fraternity brothers for retyping his lengthy English honors thesis the day before graduation so he could get the one credit he needed to graduate. Jim loved Middlebury and our class; he was happy to attend our 50th and grateful for the lifelong friendships that came from his years at Middlebury." In his final days, Jim chose a unique way to say goodbye, by each day sharing a haiku that he had written. This was a precious gift from a very perceptive, talented person. If any of you wish to read more haiku or revisit his journey, please contact us for the link to Caring Bridge. In addition, Jim's full obituary is posted on our Class of 1969 website, along with a beautiful poem by Greg Lewis.

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Liz Rhodes Jenzen sent this update: "Our second grandchild, a boy, Luke Benjamin Jenzen, was born June 7, 2021, and joins big sister, Isabelle Madison (18 mos.)." • Randy Rowland writes, "Ginny and I stopped in to see Jeff and Karen McDonough '72 Sturges at their second home in Hyannis, Mass. I begged Jeff to let me drive his new Corvette (C8), but Jeff only let me sit in it and turn it on. The matter is on appeal to a higher court." • As usual, Al Perry has been busy keeping in touch with Midd friends: "I was thrilled to be back riding my bike in the Middlebury area Kelly Brush Ride on Sept 11, along with classmates Rob Apple, Randy Rowland, and Jeff Sturges. Our team is grudgingly but accurately named 'Les Vieux Cyclistes.' I was also honored to team with classmate Anne Keiser and others raising $2,500 for COVID vaccination in the devastated Khumbu Region of Nepal's Himalayas. I have trekked there and Anne extensively photographed Sir Edmund Hillary among his many community development projects. I was also blessed to join Jeff Sturges and others in initiating our Class of 1970 Endowment Scholarship. And, I'm now organizing a College archives-destined Zoom session, 'ROTC: 1966 to 1970,' with classmates (former officers and gentlemen) Paul Bohlen, Larry Colvin, Sandy Daignault, Jeff Sturges, Stuart Parnes, and Hersey Egginton." • Diantha Bartlett Howard shared some happy family news: "Our son Justin and his wife gave us our first grandchild—a little girl born in May. We are so thankful to be vaccinated so we can see and hold her. One of my first postvaccination outings was to have lunch with Beth Santora DeForge and Liesi Hebert '72. So great to be able to see people again!" • Nancy Mackey Patterson sent this note: "I am very grateful for the support and condolences I have received from Middlebury friends since Jim's passing in January. Reminders that friendships endure through separations over time and distance have warmed my heart. Middlebury will always be special to me as the place where Jim and I met and where so many other wonderful experiences opened up to me. I am fortunate to have these memories."

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It is with great sadness that we report we lost a dear friend, classmate, and DU fraternity brother, Rob Skelley, on July 4 after a long illness. Robbie was a larger-than-life character. A great athlete, he stood an impressive 6'5", and had Hollywood good looks and a magnetic, fun-filled personality. He was a member of the Middlebury basketball team and the inspiration and energy for countless hijinks that led to numerous memorable and many unprintable adventures. His roommates and fraternity brothers—Churchill Franklin, Rick Minton '69, John Flanagan, Rick Kelley, Lee Cartmill, and Grove Nichols—recounted stories and memories recently in a Zoom celebration of his life, which Grove Nichols summarized in a document much too long to be included here but is available in full from him if you email ggnichols2@gmail.com. Like all of us, Rob moved on from his beer-fueled, frat-boy life of college. He became a successful executive, entrepreneur, and investor, a devoted husband to Candi, and father to two sons. While he fell out of touch with many of us for a long time, he circled back toward the end of his life and certainly conveyed to us his love of his time at Middlebury and the importance of our long-ago friendships to his life. Rest in peace, old friend. You truly were "larger than life." • We had a short update from Craig Morris in mid-July, who was at home after a liver transplant in June. He was making slow but steady progress. "It's a bit of a struggle at times, but that is to be expected. I look forward to seeing people soon. We shall see." Well-wishers can reach him at craigmorrisfineart@gmail.com. • Many of us who attended our 50th Reunion, held as a Zoom in June, were surprised at how connected we felt after the online experience. Clara Johnson Pincus writes, "A combination of Zoom, COVID restrictions, Lyn DeGraff, and the Reunion book editors' work got us more together at our remote Reunion than an in-person one would have. Maybe every big Middlebury Reunion year invites people to tiptoe in with conversation-starter topics, but I think that our desire to connect amidst a time of curtailed socializing really made us build on that. The resulting Zoom conversations, the booklist, the online art show, our shared music playlists, etc., made this Reunion remarkable and forged a lot of absolutely new connections. More Zoom experience and less self-consciousness with it greased the tracks." She continues, "I was quite disconnected from Middlebury in most every way, and prior to this year, only in contact with a handful of people. I certainly wouldn't have gone

to Reunion; it sounded awkward. Now I know I'll enjoy going back next year. In the course of this Reunion year I've enjoyed emails with several dozen classmates I'd not at all been in touch with, and a number of those I didn't really know back in college." She told about a gathering in Montana that happened after, and because of, the Zoom Reunion. "Spurred by **Pete Sawyer**'s appreciation of his photography/Reunion book page, **Brent Seabrook** went up to Virginia City, Mont., where Pete lives, while **Francie Marbury** stayed on visiting a grandchild in Denver. Pete told Brent he'd redline his fun meter, which he did. They went on a photo expedition to Butte, hiked, and found an interesting lumber operation for Brent to photograph. Then Brent came to Bozeman to meet up with me and husband Seth '69 and two of Brent's fellow art majors—**Tom Giebink,** who lives here, and **Steve Caldwell**, who drove in from Vashon Island, Wash., with his wife Susan. We went bird-watching (thanks Steve), hiking, and bike riding. We visited Tom's studio, took a scenic drive, ate meals on our deck, and generally hung out. It was great." She adds, "I'm still taking in all the things in the Reunion book and enjoying it. What a big and beautiful undertaking. Thank you to everyone who did all that work. There were people I would have loved to have seen in the book who weren't there. I imagine we can inquire via Lyn of the Alumni Office to see if there are email addresses available for those people." • We talked with **Ann Einsiedler Crumb** in July to learn what she's hearing from College leadership about the potential for an in-person Reunion in 2022. Ann, who wrapped up her almost-30-year career at Middlebury as associate vice president for Advancement, said she is convinced we will have a live reunion with the Class of '70, which will also celebrate their 50th. To our astonishment and delight, we received this news from Vice President Colleen Fitzpatrick via Ann and **Churchill Franklin** in the last minutes before this column went to press: "In the spirit of Blue Horizon and Virgin Galactic, we have a schedule for launch of your long-delayed Reunion. This will be the timetable for '70 and '71: Arrival 1:00 p.m., Sunday, June 5, 2022; Departure 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 7, 2022; Following Commencement ceremonies on Sunday, May 29 (Class of '22), and Tuesday, May 31 (Class of '20), Facilities will transform campus for your arrival and then do a very quick turnaround to welcome all of the '2 and '7 classes beginning Thursday, June 9, 2022." • We'll take this opportunity one more time to thank Lyn DeGraff and Tiffany Stowe and share our hopes that we will be working with them again on our in-person Reunion in June 2022, and most of all, that we'll be able to welcome classmates whom we didn't connect with this past spring. Please put this on your calendar and reach out to all of those long-ago classmates that you care about seeing there. • If there's an old friend you want to contact but don't know how, send an email to one of us and we will make every effort to forward it to that person.

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REUNION CLASS **Wes Rivel** now lives in Washington, D.C., having spent the last 35 years largely in Brazil. He also sent the news that his mother, Helen Rivel, died peacefully and in good health in August at the age of 100. He thought classmates might remember her as she often stopped by to see the Class of 1972 when she was on campus for the 1942 Reunion. She wasn't a Midd alum but was an honorary member of the Class of 1942, which Wes's dad was in, and even continued attending the 1942 Reunions after her husband passed away in 2001. • Our 50th Reunion is next June 9–12. We are hoping you can make it! **Evey Zmudsky LaMont** says, "I don't think I started going back to Reunions until our 30th, and I've attended every Reunion since. I am continually delighted by the fact that I seem to have more in common with my classmates as the years pass. We are tempered by the trials and tribulations of life and enhanced by the joys. I find that we are more ready to talk about these things. We are more comfortable with ourselves than we were when we were young. We bring a lot more to the table now. We are more open and inclusive. We are easier. Things that we experienced at Middlebury, the good and the bad, are an important part of who we are and who we became. Those four years were an important part of my life. When I go back, I meet people I barely knew then, but now find a connection with. I often say to myself, 'Oh my, what an interesting person!' or 'What a kind person!' I am delighted to connect with this person at this point in my life. I look back at the Middlebury years with new eyes. It helps me assess where I've been and how it brought me to where I am now. Because I have had such rewarding Reunion experiences, I encourage you to join us for our 50th Reunion and reconnect with your place and your classmates." • **Jennifer Hamlin Church** adds, "Ditto to Evey's comments. It has been a treat at recent Reunions to discover new friends among people I hardly knew when we were 18 or 20. Back then, we were more focused on our differences. This many years later, it's amazing how those 'differences' have evaporated! So even (or especially) if you've never attended a Reunion, it would be great to see you in June at our 50th! There will never be a better time!" • Sad to report, someone who won't be at the Reunion is **Peter Russell**, who we learned died in April 2020, leaving his wife, Robin, and sons Geoffrey and John. Peter was a successful CPA/CFO and financial analyst. At our 25th Reunion, he wrote, "I consider myself a very lucky man." An obituary appears at the end of these notes.
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As the seasons march on, we hope that all of you are well and that our world will soon see the end of the worst of COVID-19. We reached out to a couple of our classmates overseas to ask them how life has been during this pandemic in their countries. **Jef Groby** sent a fabulous report. Check out the sidebar. In a more personal note, he says, "Apart from the bother and the worry of filling out the certificates to leave my property, it was the stress of simply not knowing that was my greatest source of anxiety. I recall that a year ago, it was the part of the population that the French call the 'Third Age' that faced the most danger from the epidemic, and I was not ready to take any undue risks. Since my retirement some 10 years ago, I have been splitting my time between an apartment in the center of Toulouse and a country property 110 kilometers (68 miles) to the north in a hamlet where I can literally count the number of houses I can see from my property on the fingers of one hand. The separation from the family notwithstanding, it was not difficult to make the decision to isolate myself in the countryside. My wife is still working, and our son has entered high school. The decision to impose telecommuting and distance learning during the first and third lockdowns meant that the family could be together in our country home. The lower rates of infection in the rural areas also meant that I could be somewhat less paranoid going to the post office or the supermarket. Interestingly, these considerations were not lost on a significant number of other city dwellers. After years of decline, the value of country properties is experiencing a sharp uptick and the recent installation of an optic fiber network in my area should accelerate this, particularly among those who can continue to telecommute." • **Dag Berntsen** responded, "The pandemic hit Norway as other countries, but our government has done a serious and professional job, and Norway is way down on the bottom of the casualties and deaths caused by COVID. Marte and I live in a small community south of Oslo. Very few people have been sick, and the pandemic has not affected our lives very much. Of course, we have not been able to travel abroad, but except for that we have lived quite normal lives. We've had a few periods with home schooling, and some periods in my junior high school with half of every class at school and the other half at home every other week. This has resulted in no public final exams this year. We have face masks when shopping, and no handshaking or hugging. But we have been with our children and grandchildren, like before. Personally, I haven't worried about COVID, not ever having had any flu or any other disease in my life, but we were all expected to vaccinate, so I did my duty, especially since I am still teaching (at 74) every day at school. Our garden is green, blooming and filled with birds, bumblebees, and butterflies. Country living is still our thing. Our health is good so we have many reasons to be thankful. I tell a lot of stories to my students, many of

them from the U.S. The U.S. has often been criticized by many intellectual people over here (Donald Trump helped them with plenty of arguments). However, I tell my stories from the fantastic America I experienced during my four years at Middlebury—a green, open, friendly, and enthusiastic Vermont and open and hospitable fellow students and fantastic professors (Vincent Malmstrom, my most enthusiastic geography professor, passed away last fall), who gave me a love for the U.S. and Vermont that I will never forget." • Our classmates who are retiring and doing so during COVID also had interesting perspectives. **Franci Vinal Farnsworth** writes, "As I think I reported already, I retired on July 1, 2020, from my 30+-year career at Middlebury, working in the same capacity (facilitating grant seeking for faculty) with various offices, titles, and reporting lines. I loved having a front row seat to the fascinating research that Middlebury faculty are involved in and being around our alma mater for all the changes of those years. I set my retirement date before the pandemic, and actually the lockdown at the beginning was a retirement gift because I got used to not interacting with faculty and my colleagues in person and not having the routine of a daily commute. The two things many retirees find hard, I had already done. We spent more time last summer and fall at my family's summer cottage in Maine. But all my other plans for retirement went out the window with the pandemic and the murder of George Floyd. Instead of researching the places we wanted to travel to, I immersed myself in self-study about issues related to systemic racism. I read many of the books in the 'new canon,' among others, *So You Want to Talk about Race*, *Growing Up White*, *Stamped from the Beginning*, *Warmth of Other Suns*, and *Caste*. I read books by and about James Baldwin. I read books that helped me understand how we got to where we are today, like Jon Meacham's *Soul of America,* Colin Woodard's *Union,* and a book for young people called *Freedom's Children* by Ellen Levine, in which people our age and older tell in their own words what it was like to live under segregation in the South and during the civil rights era. I participated in a Sacred Ground study group with other Episcopalians in Vermont and plan to join another group this fall. I'm reading *Committed* by Middlebury professor Susan Burch. Along with many of you, I'm sure, I wonder how I got to be 70 years old without knowing of the Tulsa massacre or the insidiousness of systemic racism. This first year of retirement also brought the joy of a granddaughter, born in May to our son and his wife, who live in Vermont, so we've seen her a few times already. I've loved the flexibility to pick up and put down household projects, to go to Maine without building a trip around my work week and workload, to stay up too late because I don't have to set the alarm. The pandemic and Zoom meant that I could join conversations around the country, go to my Vermont church even when in Maine, and invite my Middlebury friend Mryka Hall-Beyer '71 to join our local French conversation group. I look forward to seeing what gifts of the pandemic continue and to finally being able to do some of the travel long dreamed of." • **Andy Wentzel** reflects, "It is unfathomable that we are approaching 50 years since we sat in the gym and listened to Loren Eiseley share his poetic vision of the place of man in the course of our planet. I have stayed in touch with a few of my dear Middlebury friends, most of whom were not in our immediate class, as well as with my mentor, Emory Fanning, and his dear wife, Diana (Egbers) '71. Having just retired from my position at the Univ. of Tennessee and having been designated professor emeritus, I am taking note of my place in the progression of my life in ways that I have not before considered. Up to now, both as a university professor and a professional opera singer, I have made a point of doing my work and making the next right choice. That has made for a tremendously satisfying life, especially when I consider that I've been able to spend my professional career in a field that brings me daily joy. Who could have imagined that I could have spent my entire life, to this point, making music? But now it is time to lift my eyes and open myself to new challenges. I'm not in a rush and plan on continuing my work with the Knoxville Opera board of directors and other musical organizations. But it's exciting to think about what might be in store. Of course, I will spend time in our beautiful Smoky Mountains here in Tennessee. I will miss my daily interactions with students and the challenges that come from those fresh minds. I know that I will remain alert to other exciting invitations in my community and region. I am reminded of the John Cage quote, which sat on my studio wall at the university for 25 years: 'Everything we do is Music. Everywhere is the best seat.' I hope that our paths may cross, perhaps in Middlebury." • And if you missed the June email the College sent out, which shared the recent work of various alumni, our classmate **Guy Kettelhack** was highlighted. When we asked to hear more about his projects, he wrote, "Stripped down, more decorum: I find myself oddly enjoying the prospect of offering an update of the thing I call My Life—a prospect that in the past usually felt like an onerous chore. What makes it easy this time is that I can name the source of my happiness simply: New York City. In particular, an extraordinarily charming floor-through apartment in the top (third) floor of an 1834 Greek revival red brick house on East 2nd Street (inordinately inexpensive, a whole other tale) across from the 1830 Marble Cemetery wherein the fifth president of the U.S., James Monroe, was temporarily buried in 1831 and then shipped to his current burial place in 1858 in Richmond, Va. This can be taken as evidence that even death can't stop a New Yorker (which his burial made him) from moving around or even away at the whim of fate. New Yorkers tend to be unbound: we do what we like. Every illumination (I moved here at the end of 1975) the city has variously

Nationally, the response to the COVID pandemic in France has either been a disaster or a model to follow. It depends very much on the moment of time you choose to slice to perform the dissection. Complaining is part of the French national character and makes it possible for them to fervently argue mutually contradictory positions at the same time.

In the beginning of the pandemic, there was certainly not light in the French response, but rather bureaucracy. During the three lockdowns, the principle was that we were to stay home. However, as anybody who has studied French will know, for each rule there are an infinite number of exceptions. This was also true for the lockdowns. The French penchant for red tape was also made manifest by the requirement to fill out a certificate stating your name, address, date of birth, time, and the exception (the particular wording of each exception evolving almost as rapidly as the COVID variants) justifying the outing every time one left the house. In theory, I could have been fined €135 ($160) for checking my mailbox located on the opposite side of the street if ever I had been unlucky enough to be stopped by the police without my certificate. A lady in a nearby village who crossed the street to feed her chickens was not so fortunate.

Fortunately, with time, a more practical mindset took hold, increasing the time and distance one could travel with the famous certificate, to no restrictions and no certificate at the end of the third lockdown. We were subject nationally to a curfew as of the end of 2020 that was initially set at 6:00 p.m. but progressively pushed back to 11:00 p.m. before being lifted altogether in June.

The tendency to over-administrate was also evident in the rollout of the vaccination campaign. At one point last year, there was discussion that a doctor's prescription was going to be required as well as a full medical history justifying why you were part of the group eligible for the jabs at that moment. The limitations on who was eligible for the vaccines were increasingly liberalized over time, probably motivated as much by the government's desire to maintain their vaccination timeline with an eye to the presidential elections next year as anything else. Masks, tests, and vaccines in France have not engendered the same culture wars as in the US. The health and political authorities in Paris, the regions and the towns and villages have largely been on the same page on these issues and although there have been a few excesses here and there, I have never been threatened or mocked because I chose to wear a mask or not to wear one where not legally required.

By June, France was catching up with other countries in terms of the percentage of the population vaccinated, although the large number of vaccine-hesitant people, particularly among the younger population, called into question the goal of vaccinating two-thirds of the population by the end of the summer, not unlike the U.S.'s problem. The rapid spread of the Delta variant—and who knows? By the time this is published maybe the Epsilon variant—definitely clouds the future. Will conditions once again degrade to the point that merits a fourth lockdown?

—Jef Groby '73

occasioned—writing and publishing books, playing the violin in orchestras and cabarets, drawing strange drawings that have appeared over the years in this or that gallery or show, poems written and published, on the whole a glorious if bewildering sex life, frighteningly brilliant people whom I've loved or not loved but always found inimitable, a sense of simultaneous past and present—this is the city of my heart. It finds nothing about me odd, because it's oblivious to me—an obliviousness that accounts for the astounding liberty we're each given to become whatever we want to. I am who and where I long to be: when you love something this much, you long for it even when you have it. Cheers to y'all." • That sums it up for us, too—cheers and all the best to our '73 classmates and please keep in touch! **Lindy** and **Lisa**.

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Trudie Thompson keeps in touch with a group of classmates via "an old-fashioned round-robin snail mail letter" in addition to more modern methods of communication. **Ginny Glazier Babal**, **Cricket Saurel**, **Jim** and **Pam Gaylord McNaughton**, **Ron Duquette**, **Shelly Ford Moe**, **Janet Healey**, and **Trudie** each write a letter to the group, then send the package of all the letters to the next person in line. "When you get it back again, you take out your old letter and write a new one. The idea was to get it done quickly, but we all have busy lives, so sometimes it seems to get lost. We've done over three rounds at this point. It remains to be seen how long we will continue. We also talk to each other by email—especially when the snail mail package seems to get 'lost'—but I'm thinking the snail mail component is pretty unusual!" This strong group of friends is already making plans to attend our 50th Reunion. Trudie served in the U.S. Army on active duty for nine-and-a-half years and went on to work for the State Department. She spent 24 years as a political officer in Frankfurt, Botswana, South Korea, Australia, and Afghanistan (Jalalabad and Kunduz, not Kabul), with various tours in Washington in between overseas assignments. She met her husband, David Welch, while she was in the Army. Now retired, they live in Rehoboth Beach, Del., in the family home where she spent the first 20 summers of her life. • **Richard Wilburn** reports that after 30 years in hotel work, he "finally retired (well maybe not) at the beginning of April after having two semi-retirements." The first semi-retirement was for eight years in St. Thomas, the second was for seven years in Las Vegas. Richard and his wife Karen met in Madrid during his junior year abroad and have three daughters and four grandchildren. They now live in San Diego in a beach bungalow in the Crown Point Pacific Beach area. "We are one mile to our youngest daughter and one mile to the oceanfront. A great combination." Richard and Karen see **Randy Lake** and wife Kathy (Cooper) '77 when visiting their oldest daughter in Houston. Prepandemic, the couples also used to meet in Las Vegas for U.S. National Bridge tournaments; now they often play bridge online instead. • We're sorry to report the death of **Stephanie Cole Nelson** in May. Her obituary will be included in a future class notes. According to **Kate Peterson Burr**, Stephie was someone with "exuberant energy and a megawatt smile." Kate remembers Stephie as "a stalwart on the women's alpine ski team, a tenacious competitor, and an outgoing, curious, and fun-loving person."

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Hope you are all doing well! Send me some news.

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We are still looking for two classmates to volunteer to serve as class correspondents for the Class of 1976. It doesn't take a lot of time and it's a great way to stay in touch with classmates. If you are interested, please contact Sara Marshall at smarshal@middlebury.edu.

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REUNION CLASS Less than a year to Reunion—hope you are all well and making travel plans! • On the "it finally came about" front, **Duane Wilcox** and wife Debi celebrated the rescheduled wedding of their son Craig to Katie Browne in June 2021 in Averill Park, N.Y. Duane's sister, Amy '83, was also in attendance. It was the first large family gathering in some time and was enjoyed by all. • Best wishes to you all and please let us all know what you have been up to.

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After a virtual celebration of our 40th, and postponement of an actual dance party, several classmates have confirmed that they are well and happy to reconnect. **Bob Caragher** is still working in the not-for-profit sector. After 30 years in higher education, he shifted careers and moved into the museum world, starting with the Autry Museum of the American West in Los Angeles. He had planned to stay on 'til retirement but jumped at the opportunity to move to Palm Springs, his intended retirement venue, a few years early, with an irresistible offer to work at Sunnylands in Rancho Mirage. This former winter home of Ambassadors Walter and Leonore Annenberg is now a historic site and retreat center. He is enjoying his new job, and the beauty and peacefulness of the desert. • **Randy Corke** retired in January, allowing him and wife Mary (Mackenzie) '79 to live part time in Quechee, Vt. The other half of the year they live in Takoma Park, Md. (the "Berkeley of the East"), just outside of D.C. With the addition of Sophia in fall 2020, they have six grandchildren to occupy and entertain them. They were planning to travel to Kenya in September to visit daughter Lauren and her family, who moved there in March 2021. • **Peter Gardner** and wife Victoire are living in Centennial, Wyo., and traveled to Austin, Texas, in August to meet their new grandson, Remy, and enjoy family time with his parents, Evan and Samantha, and his older brother, Winston. • **Michael Pearson** gleefully shares that he has retired (!) after 30-plus years in insurance. Since June 1, he and wife Beth are residing in the Woodbury, Vt., no-longer-just-vacation home—an idyllic 30 acres on a little hillside—and can scarcely believe their good fortune. Michael is busy with local soccer leagues, and he and Beth are climbing the Green Mountains to stay in shape. He's doing it in style, having geared up on campus at Forth 'n' Goal as soon as lockdown ended. He notes that Vermont is full of '80 folk! • **Pam Roller Richardson** and husband Ken managed several carefully sanitized road trips during the pandemic—Lakeland, Fla., to Weatogue, Conn., in the fall, and back to Lakeland in January 2021, where they stayed just long enough to unpack and repack for a trip to meet their new granddaughter, Hannah, in Phoenix, Ariz.! Her unbiased Nana claims she is as cute as a button! After a winter filled with golf and alligators, they returned north through the Smoky Mountains, with stops at local wineries, including one in Stone Mountain, Ga.! • **Kimberly Winick**'s routine didn't change much during the California lockdown—she continued to bake bread and, with spouse Larry, shop for and cook almost all of their meals. Although they missed all the usual concerts and other live performances, they were able to cycle regularly with friends, as well as swim frequently. Kim is working a very light schedule as a lawyer but is busy serving on the boards of the Pasadena Symphony and POPs and the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, as well as local bar groups. Grateful to be able to work remotely, and not to have to care for a family, she volunteered to tutor with Step Up Tutoring, and since January has been Zooming twice a week with a fifth grader, working on his math and reading skills. Her 2001 Saab died just before lockdown, and she and Larry splurged on a new convertible for intended road trips that were all canceled. Their first road trip was in April 2021, to cycle with friends in the eastern Sierra. August included a real adventure—

driving to Butte, Mont., and cycling for a week on and over the Continental Divide. She had hoped to visit **Peter Gardner** on the return leg of the trip, but he was in Austin! She cycles through Griffith Park all the time from her West Hollywood home and would have stopped by the Autry had she known **Bob Caragher** was there! She is looking forward to our next Reunion and hopes to see and hear from lots of classmates before then. • **Melissa Anderson** sent this note: "I was Googling our classmate **Steph Artner Matuszak** recently because I was going to be making a day trip to Toledo and I remembered she lived in that area. I was stunned to find her obituary from June. I haven't seen her in many years, but the obituary resonated with my memories of her." Sadly, Stephanie died on June 21. Search for her obituary at walkerfuneralhomes.com.
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Save the Date! We hope to see you back in Middlebury for our 41st Reunion! Join our class for a celebration at the historic Middlebury Inn on Saturday, June 25, 2022. Come back to Middlebury for the wonderful dinner party or come for the whole weekend. More details forthcoming on the dinner price and time, as well as golf, hiking, tours, and more. A block of rooms are reserved at the Inn. Call 407-388-4961 to reserve a room and ask for the Class of '81 discount with a two-night minimum. Tickets for the dinner party will be available in 2022. Contact **Stacey Pogust Danziger** (Bruger83@aol.com) or **Margaret Higgins Cox** (fosmargaret@gmail.com) if you have any questions. This promises to be fun. Hope to see you there. • In September, **Margaret Commins Klemzak** was part of a seven-day expedition with Island Trails Network to clean up marine debris around islands off the coast of Alaska. Check out the sidebar to read about her experience.
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REUNION CLASS **Steve Kiernan** writes, "My next book has a working title of *Stained Glass*—though my editor always changes the title so who knows what it will eventually be. It's a novel set at the time France rebuilt itself after World War II, inspired in part by the windows that Marc Chagall made during that era. Many of them, and the atelier where they were assembled, are all in the same general vicinity in eastern France as an artists' colony in an old château in Orquevaux. I've won the Diderot Fellowship to live and work there this fall. Very excited, as the place is mostly for painters and sculptors. I'll also be taking road trips to see the various windows and the Chagall Museum in Nice. Already wishing I'd taken French classes at Midd. If all remains on schedule, the book will be out in March of 2023. To pass the time till then, *Universe of Two* comes out in paperback next week, for classmates who may have missed it." • Hawaii-based company, Kuehnle AgroSystems, was cofounded by husband-and-wife team Dr. **Heidi Kuehnle** and **Gordon Wallace** (both are also Cornell '88). Heidi reports, "Our talented staff currently includes son Jacob Wallace '21 (double major computer science and molecular biology). The company focus is a patented, game-changing technology enabling honest color in our seafood. Our innovation delivers sustainable bio-based feed ingredients from algae to replace petroleum-based colorant." • News came from **Margaret Miller**: "My eight-year tenure on the board of our local food pantry, that serves 18 local communities, will be finished in October and I wanted another challenge that would also serve the community. After food insecurity, public education is my other 'keep me up at night' issue, so I decided to run for an open seat on the Northampton (Mass.) school committee." • **Andy Sidford** writes, "My firm, Andrew Sidford Architects, in Newburyport, Mass., has two projects of note: After five years, our project converting a historic 1905 YMCA in downtown Portsmouth, N.H., will open this fall as a new cultural center combining Jimmy's Jazz club as MONA (Museum of New Art). The design juxtaposes the original masonry building with a new dynamic glass and steel addition, creating exciting, light-filled spaces that accentuate the original structure. Our other exciting project is we are in the middle of filming for *This Old House* and will air this fall. We have designed a complete renovation of a historic cape in Concord, Mass., while adding a modern addition reorienting the house toward the beautiful and extensive grounds." • **Caleb Rick** reports, "I am very pleased that the USDA has awarded a Rural Business Development Grant to the Addison County Economic Development Corporation to support a feasibility study and market analysis for our company to locate our headquarters and 2-4 line production facility on rail accessible parcels owned by the College. And I'm particularly grateful to **Michael Kountze** for his strategic acumen and to Steve Gladstone '83, who will author the study. Compression Upcycling Technology converts landfill-bound, single-use plastic film and flexible packaging into value added, multilife Ekopolimer products and applications. Each production line of the low-emissions, low-energy process annually diverts over 37,000,000 pounds from the landfill and creates significant carbon offsets. Our team is grateful to the town and College for their support over many years, and to a variety of Middlebury alumni, for making this next step possible."
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With deeply heavy hearts, we are sad to say goodbye to our dear friend and classmate, **Carey MacFarland Lennox**, who fought

CLEAN-UP CREW

Margaret Commins Klemzak '81 waves from the deck of the *Island C* as it comes into port with almost 12,000 pounds of collected marine debris.

This September I was privileged to be a volunteer doing remote beach clean-up on several islands in the Kodiak Archipelago in Alaska. We set out on the *Island C*, a contracted vessel, for a week of manual labor in an attempt to make a small dent in the marine debris that wreaks havoc on the environment and endangers birds, marine mammals, and other sea creatures.

Each morning, volunteers would be skiffed to beaches to begin the assault. We would put in three to four hours, bagging up plastic bottles, untangling fishing line from logs, and scanning for trash in the sand. We'd head back to the boat for lunch, then return for a second shift before dinner. Ten team members working seven to eight hours a day collected 11,578 pounds of marine debris in six days.

Winter storms pound the beaches, moving logs and partially burying debris. What I first saw as a short piece of fishing line turned out to be a line and net project that took five people three hours to unearth, disentangle, and bag up, which at 500-plus pounds was no easy feat. We dug and tugged, removed sticks and rocks from the nets, shifted huge driftwood logs, and had a tug-of-war or two. It was physically challenging, but the sense of accomplishment was most rewarding. Rubber-gloved high-fives all around!

Storms, high tides, and wind also send debris into the forests beyond the beach. What might look like a pristine beach as we skiffed toward it, could have all types of discarded materials nestled among the trees. We came upon one such beach on uninhabited Whale Island, which appeared clean until we headed inland and found a landfill of buckets, bottles, buoys, and polystyrene. A very discouraging sight, but again—what a feeling to gaze upon a tidier forest after a full day of clean-up.

It was not all drudgery, however. The boat is very comfortable, and unwinding in the evenings was a chance to bond with my fellow marine debris warriors. Being off-line for a week provided a respite from the unrelenting assault of texts, social media, and news. I even forgot about COVID for a few days! The food was amazing and plentiful. A yoga teacher led morning stretches to get us ready for our daily labors. It was an amazing experience and a chance to be with like-minded individuals making a difference.

—Margaret Commins Klemzak '81

bravely a brutal six-month battle with colon cancer. Carey died in her Chicago home on May 4, surrounded by loving family and friends. Always, from the days we met her freshman year, throughout the last days we visited her in April of this year, she wore an amazing and unique smile and a fighting spirit for which we will forever remember her. Carey was born October 25, 1961, grew up in Chicago's Gold Coast, attended the Latin School of Chicago, and graduated from Midd with degrees in sociology and Italian. As part of her studies at Middlebury, she spent almost a full year studying in Italy through the school's program in Florence. There she developed, among many things, both a fluency in Italian and a pure love of all that the Italian culture had to offer. Her fluency in Italian helped land her first job out of college as assistant to the producer of the famous *Three Tenors* concert in Rome. She then managed international engagements for some of the world's premiere opera singers at the Mario Dradi Music Agency's New York office for several years. Returning to Chicago in 1996, Carey started a 20-year run with Holly Hunt Ltd., where she played several key management roles as the powerhouse design firm grew from $20 million to $95 million in annual sales. She followed with management posts at the interior design firms Atelier Gary Lee and Branca, Inc. Carey always enjoyed spending time with her family and friends in Chicago and Castle Park, Mich., in her family's summer home. She had a passion for photography, swimming, making beautiful, colorful, beaded necklaces, and—above all—Italy, where she traveled year after year to visit the many friends she'd made there since her college days. Carey is survived by many loved ones, including her husband of 27 years Scott Lennox, son Scott MacFarland "Mac" Lennox, her stepchildren Kate and Allie Lennox, her mother Patricia Brooder Dempsey, and her twin sister Margo MacFarland Zaneski. She also left a huge number of friends behind, including numerous Middlebury classmates who were fortunate to be amongst the hundreds to view a livestream broadcast "Celebration of Life" dedicated to Carey on May 19. Among the tributes, her son shared his memories of her strength, warmth, and wisdom and recalled that a room always felt warmer upon her entry. She was always there for him, and he now knows she was always there for so many others as well. Her husband talked about the world that she opened up to him, from opera to sushi, none of which he'd ever experienced before. Here are some tributes left online from our friends that knew Carey: "I fondly remember seeing her in Italy during my junior year of college. I was plodding along, looking like an American. Carey was riding a Vespa, smiling and looking as much like an Italian as anyone with red hair could. Her spirit was infectious. What a huge loss to so many." "A wonderful person full o' cheer. I am blessed to have known her at Midd." "Brokenhearted yet buoyed by her challenge to live each moment, love each moment and love each other." "Carey was always making connections, wanting her friends to become friends." "She was always more concerned that WE felt important, cared for, appreciated." "I loved her impish grin and her dramatic flare—the head toss, scarf toss, her spontaneous pirouette or jazzy footwork with Fred Astaire arms." "Will always treasure the memories of Lanz-nightgowned heart-to-hearts after a run to the Crest Room." "Like a sister, she drove me crazy—and like a sister, I will love her till the cows come home!" "Carey was extraordinary at many things, and always remembering her friends' birthdays and making them feel special was one of them!" "She faced cancer with grace, dignity, humor, and was so, so brave. I miss her so very much." "I loved and admired her lifelong quest to understand this complicated life of ours and always striving to make things better. I also admire her vision and creativity, in everything from fashion to food, to

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photography to jewelry design—she had a gift for style." "She is smiling from heaven and reminding us to keep smiling and to always look for the silver lining." "May we all be as lovely, positive, and caring as Carey!" "Carey was always smiling and had the kindest heart. She will be truly missed by all." "Carey was such a nice woman. She was fun, smart, and always smiling." "Such a terrible loss for all of us who knew her." "She was a wonderful friend." "She was truly an extraordinary woman." "Carey, you will always be in our hearts forever! Keep smiling down on us!" "Just so hard to believe. Happened so fast. Seize the day. You just never know. My heart goes out to her son and the rest of her family. But her memory will be a blessing for sure." "She sure left a lasting memory!" "I'm so glad we had a chance to reconnect at Reunion. She was a wonderful friend, and I will miss her greatly." "A beautiful kind spirit." Indeed, Carey was a beautiful and kind spirit. We will always carry in our hearts her zest for life, bubbling energy, and deep and generous love and appreciation of family, friends, and all the world offered her. While we are devastated by her loss and will miss Carey dearly, we will celebrate knowing her for the rest of our lives!
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If you have any news you'd like to share, please send it to us! And let us know if you'd like to step up as a class correspondent!
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Liz Thompson Hotvedt sent news that a group gathered in July on Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire for a delayed 35th reunion. Friends who came included **Peter Maust**, **Peter** and **Liz Hotvedt**, **Rachel Riemann Akera**, **David Richardson**, and **Michael Nealey.** She also sent updates on what everyone is doing. Peter Maust lives in Patchogue, N.Y., and teaches in the Dept. of History at St. Joseph's College at the Brooklyn campus. Peter and Liz Hotvedt live in New Hartford, N.Y., and Peter is a private practice physician at CNY Cardiology in Utica, N.Y., while Liz is a U.S. Figure Skating judge and skating club board member. Rachel works for the U.S. Dept. of Forestry in Troy, N.Y., and lives in Cropseyville, N.Y. David is senior counsel at the U.S. Dept. of Commerce and lives in Silver Springs, Md. And Michael Nealey, who lives in Salem, N.H., is the manager of merchandise services Homegoods/Homesense of TJX corporation. Check out a photo on page 65.
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Scott Kirkpatrick, cofounder and partner of Chicago Sports and Entertainment Partners representing Olympic and Paralympic athletes, saw gold over the summer in Tokyo. He reports, "Our water polo goalie—Ashleigh Johnson—won a gold medal, her second, at the Tokyo Games. We also represent gold medalist cross-country skier Jessie Diggins, who trains at the Stratton Mountain School, where I enlisted the help of their director of admissions, **Jim Sullivan**, for help in organizing a recent commercial shot in advance of the Beijing 2022 Olympic Games." • **Sarah Lewis Belcher** writes, "I retired from practicing law at Bond, Schoeneck & King at the Albany, N.Y., office, and my climate fiction novel, *The Change Agents: Whispers in the Wind,* will be released November 17." • **Kathy Macmillin Thomas** reports, "My husband and I have moved back to New England. After living in Virginia for 30 years, we have built a house and have retired to Springfield, N.H. It's great to be back up north. The fall foliage has been terrific and we're looking forward to some snow this winter. I had breakfast with **Pam Shields** last month and can't wait to see more Midd friends." • Check out a mini-reunion photo on page 66!
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REUNION CLASS **Lisa Preston** sends this update from Hawaii: "Last spring I completed 30 years of teaching at 'Iolani School in Honolulu, where I teach Spanish and advise the Key Club. Normally in summer school I teach cooking and/or English, but this year I spent six weeks in Vermont, cleaning out my parents' home in Newport and helping to care for my father who has dementia. We never made it over to Middlebury, though a summer in the Northeast Kingdom was wonderful for the soul nonetheless." • **Metal Warthin** writes, "I will retire from a 33-year wildland fire career with the National Park Service (NPS) as of December 31. The journey started as a campground ranger and maintenance worker but evolved into the fire positions of basic wildland firefighter; an interagency Hotshot saw boss; a Yellowstone Wildland Fire Module leader; a fire management officer at Denali National Park in Alaska; NPS regional fire management officer for Alaska in Anchorage; and a wildland fire operations specialist for NPS Intermountain Region in the Denver office. I've been stationed at Glen Canyon, Grand Canyon, Zion, Wind Cave, Rocky Mountain, Yellowstone, and Denali plus have visited or worked at too many parks to mention here, but they include units on both coasts and many in between! It's been an honor to be a public servant in some of the world's most special places."
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Since 2006, **Laura Ludwig** has collaborated with the commercial lobster industry in Maine and Massachusetts to remove lost or abandoned fishing gear from the ocean floor and upcycle gear at the end of its life. Made of industrial plastic or steel, some of the gear is in good condition and can be returned to active use; some is so far gone it's sent to a scrap metal yard or an incineration facility. Increasingly, much of the recovered material is sought by artists for sculptures or installations. The largest work to date used over 100,000 pounds of old rope from the lobster industry in a sprawling sculpture by Orly Genger, installed at Madison Square Park. A total of 450,000 pounds of old traps, rope, net, and other debris have been removed from the sea, recycled, or repurposed through her gear recovery programs. • **Shawn Ryan** is adapting the book *The Night Agent* and acting as showrunner for the 10-episode series that is being put out by Netflix. Sony Pictures TV, where Shawn has an overall deal, is producing the series. • **Alex Draper** writes, "I am thrilled to share that I have been promoted to full professor here at Middlebury. I'm feeling grateful and very lucky. Here's to what lies ahead (and not teaching in masks!)." • Foley & Mansfield recently named **Kenan Rand** as partner in the New Orleans office. His practice is focused on defending product manufacturers and premises owners in mass tort environmental exposure throughout Louisiana, Texas, and neighboring states. He was previously at Plauché Maselli Parkerson for 22 years. He says, "Our mantra during the pandemic, which I do not recall where I heard it, has been, 'It's easiest to change directions when you are standing still.' We'll see if this was a good one."
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Please send me your news! Your classmates would love to hear what you're up to!
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We'd love to hear from you! Send us your news!
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As most of you have sadly already heard, we lost a precious brother in arms: **Dave Rogers** tragically passed away in his sleep on August 21, not far from the Vermont town where he grew up. While some of you were closer to Dave than I was, he was a uniquely bright light in our Class of '91 family, and I was privileged to share some good times with him, on the Arkansas River in Colorado, at various concerts, and certainly at our Reunions every five

years. There just aren't many people that come along in our lives who contain that magic gumbo of warmth, empathy, fun, charisma, leadership, and charm. In fact, I can't visualize Dave without seeing a big smile and wide, curious eyes. The rest of this column will be devoted to the memories of Dave shared by others from our class. • **Ben Danson** says, "Dave and I were friends throughout our time together at Middlebury and remained in touch in the years since. I always think of Reige (as we always called him) as being my bridge to 'real' Vermont. Born and raised just down the road from Midd, Reige had friends at nearby colleges like Castleton and Green Mountain, and I have fond if hazy memories of road-tripping and partying with Reige's Vermont crew on many crazy nights during our college years. Reige always went out of his way to make sure that he introduced everyone, and friendships were made quickly. He seemed to be everyone's friend! After graduation, we kept in touch, as I would stop at his pub on Lake Bomoseen whenever I was visiting Vermont, and of course, we also enjoyed seeing each other at Reunions. We also were friends on Facebook, where we had many interesting and valuable exchanges about guns and the Second Amendment. Reige was an avid outdoorsman and hunter, and as a native Vermonter, had grown up around guns. I am a suburbanite, never been hunting, and a high school teacher who thinks of guns primarily in the context of gun violence and school shootings. We couldn't have been further apart on this issue. Yet over the years, we had many meaningful and lengthy discussions, on social media and via text messages, about guns and their place in our culture. While neither of us completely came around to the other's point of view, the ongoing dialogue was always cordial, informative, and mutually beneficial. I wish more people in this country were able to have such constructive conversations around sensitive political issues. Reige had extended me an open invitation to come and shoot with him, so that I could learn and see for myself. I deeply regret having put it off. I miss Reige terribly and wish more than anything that I could go and visit him and learn about hunting from the expert. I will always think of my good friend Dave as I drive along the shore of Lake Bomoseen, heading back and forth to Middlebury and beyond." • **Rod Thompson** writes, "I was fortunate enough to meet Dave very early freshman year in Allen dorm. He was an instant buddy, adding greatly to the fun and excitement of the college experience for everyone he met. I lucked into a job guiding rafts in the summer of 1989 and recruited Dave to Colorado in 1990. Life doesn't get much better than running rivers with Dave. He was as big a hit in Colorado as he was in Vermont. He quickly reached legendary status in the rafting community after rescuing a half-dozen deaf rafters out of the river, earning the nickname Super Dave. Problems had begun for the group of deaf customers after a steep, dramatic entrance into a long rapid. Numerous people let go of the raft to communicate by sign language. One after another rafter promptly fell into the river. Dave managed to gather up several swimmers in his raft before racing through dense undergrowth along the riverbank gathering up the rest of the swimmers. He was known as Super Dave the rest of his rafting career. Dave will always be amongst my greatest of friends due to his generosity, sense of adventure, and his huge fun-loving streak balanced by the common sense of a true Vermonter. Rest in Peace, Buddy! You are missed." • **Dave Findlay** says, "When I first laid eyes on Reige, it was at a soccer tournament in high school. He was goalie for the U18 Vermont Select Team and I was the keeper for the Maine team. He was big, strong, and athletic, with a big red afro. We battled to a 1-1 draw and shook hands unsmiling after the game, both unhappy about the tie. Much to my surprise, I got to Middlebury, two weeks early for preseason soccer, and there he was again. He was roommates with **Kilian Forgus**, who was also on the team and in the same freshman dorm. The three of us became the best of friends. It's strange being a soccer goalie. You are on the team, but many times you are off on your own. We spent time doing our own goalie exercises, talking trash to the forwards during shooting drills, and trying to look busy so we didn't get pulled into the field players' conditioning drills. Reige and I spent a ton of time together and I loved every minute of it. Our friendship was much more than soccer. He was the one I wanted to hang out with on weekend nights, the foosball partner I sought out at the fraternity, or just someone to crank tunes with. He was up for anything and full of life. I remember being bored one weekend, so we decided to drive to Minnesota to see the Grateful Dead, taking turns sleeping in the back of his pick-up truck. Twenty hours both ways and we had a ball. Reige, Kilian, and Dinger convinced me to head to Colorado after college to be raft guides in the summer and work and ski in Breckenridge over the winter. Too many stories to mention here, but I can say that year was one of the greatest of my life. Reige was a big part of that. In groups, sometimes Dave felt the need to take charge, be the man, be the tough guy. I liked that about Dave and understood it was important for him to be the alpha dog. If I had to choose a team to fight off a zombie apocalypse, Dave would have been my first-round pick. But I also loved the man in the quieter moments. He wasn't afraid to give you a big bear hug and tell you how much you meant to him. He'd go deep on whatever topic you wanted to explore, and he'd listen, and offer his advice. He'd laugh at my jokes in his big full body laugh and I would laugh at his stories, most of which I had heard a hundred times. Whenever you departed, he'd tell you that he loved you and couldn't wait to do it again. I can't believe he's gone. I miss him so much and wish I could give him that big bear hug one more time." • **Phil McCrea** writes, "Senior year Dave and I lived at our fraternity, Sig Ep. As president, his job was to find the fine balance between having fun and keeping everyone in line. My job as treasurer was to make sure we had enough money to fund our parties and events. That meant there were many late nights when the kegs were empty and Dave was sent to convince me to fund just a few more. He'd put that big hand on my shoulder and shuffle me off the dance floor to a quiet corner. His infectious smile and persuasive talk always won the day. He would usually say something like 'Phil, I know we've spent our budget for tonight but look around you. We can't let a bank account end this great time. We'll figure it out tomorrow and we won't regret tonight.' To me that sums up Dave." • **Heather Flood Daves** writes, "He was a bright light for our class and for me will continue to be. While I did not know him well, I have always appreciated his welcoming smile and openness. It was always great to talk with him at the few Reunions I have been able to attend." • **Kim Ma Gustafson** says, "I was really sad to hear about Dave's passing. Though I did not know Dave well, I can clearly remember the bright, wide smile that lit up his entire face, and his kind and warm presence. My thoughts are with everyone who knew and loved Dave." • **Devin O'Neill** says, "When I think of him, I remember a soccer game when we were 14 (Dave and I played on the same youth team in Vermont). He was in goal and getting ready for the game with our coach. I was getting some shots on net and miss hit one and absolutely smoked him. He was pissed but in his typical fashion quickly forgave me and we moved on. He was a great athlete and a truly special person. I am really glad that I knew him and was fortunate to call him a friend." • **Tom Murray** writes, "I first met Dave in the fall of 1986 at Northfield Mt. Hermon, where we both studied as postgraduate students, prior to matriculating to Middlebury the following year. As everyone says, Dave was always ready with a smile. But he was also an amazing competitor. We met on the soccer field, he as goalkeeper and me as striker. After our varsity practices, he would do me the favor of letting me practice free kicks, until dusk and beyond. Not many of those shots found the net, but when they did, I was sure the next one would be parried or caught or tipped over the crossbar by one of Dave's majestically powerful dives. And you could be sure he would pick himself up, dust off the dirt, and turn smiling ear to ear and roll that ball back for another shot." • **Mariette Johnson Wharton** says, "I can't picture Dave Rogers without a wide grin on his face and his arms open for a hug. He will be in our hearts forever." • **Bill Driscoll** writes, "Dave was a true leader and an inspirational friend. I will never forget the fun times we had together planning (and executing!) social events through Jan term, junior spring, and senior fall while he was president of Sig Ep and I was social chair. He led our house through a transformational time and despite challenges, made it epically fun and inclusive! I already miss him. I was fortunate to attend his service with many Middlebury friends and it

was a very moving tribute to him and his family." See a photo Bill sent on page 83. • See some other mini-reunion photos on pages 66 and 70.
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92 REUNION CLASS **Brian Schilling** writes, "I've been enjoying life here in Wyoming for the past 27 years. Jackson is a great community for raising a family, and my wife, Maggie, and I feel lucky that we get to take our kids Mairi (12) and Andy (9) on all sorts of outdoor adventures year-round. But one of the nicest things about living here is how frequently I run into other Midd grads around town, including classmates **Ted Kyle** and **Shawn Emory Ankeny**—it's just a treat to get to see Midd people of all ages so regularly. My out-of-the-ordinary summer news was that, in celebration of turning 50 last year, I tried to rekindle my days of running track at Middlebury by competing at the Masters Track and Field National Championships in Ames, Iowa, in July. I raced in the 50–54 age category and won the 3000m

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

BREAD LOAF SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

Charles Butterfield (MA '75) has poems in two COVID-19 poetry anthologies. "Jogging the Loop, Unmasked" appears in *A 21st Century Plague: Poetry from a Pandemic* (University Professors Press, 2021) and "For the Boy Learning to Ride His Bike" is in COVID Spring II (Hobblebush Books, 2021). Charles has retired to Hillside Village in Keene, N.H., where he leads a literary group called Poetry Matters! • **MaryEllen Beveridge** (MA '81) has two story collections, *Permeable Boundaries* and *After the Hunger*, both published by Fomite Press in Burlington, Vt. To read more about *Permeable Boundaries*, go to middleburymagazine.com and click on Review. • In other author news, **Geraldine Haydock Fincannon** (MA '91) recently published a novel, *In Short Measures: A Saga from the American South*. • **Daniel Picker** (MA '92) writes, "This past spring an essay of mine appeared in the online version of the *Georgia Review*; I wrote on Nick Hornby's new novel. Even more recently, two new short stories I wrote have appeared in *SCRIBE*, the newer version of the *67th Street Scribe* of Macaulay Honors College of CUNY. Those stories follow up two previous stories which appeared in the *Adelaide Literary Magazine* of NYC. I have a new poem forthcoming in a Boston publication this fall. Some time ago, a poem of mine, set in Kinvara, Ireland, appeared in *Ireland of the Welcomes* magazine. I have taught college and university English classes in the Philadelphia area for the past 24 years." • *WAG* magazine recently profiled influencers in education in Westchester County, N.Y., and **William Knauer** (MA '98), who is the head of school of the Harvey School in Katonah, was interviewed. With a 30-year career working in independent and international schools, he taught and served in leadership roles at the American School of Khartoum in Sudan, Munich International School, Riverdale Country School, and Packer Collegiate Institute, before heading to Barcelona, Spain, to accept the position of head of the Benjamin Franklin International School. He joined the Harvey School in 2016. • **Doug Boardman** (MA '02) was recently profiled in Vermont's *Mountain Gazette*, in an article written by—his father! Among other biographical details, his father reports that Doug is the academics coordinator for the Green Mountain Technology Center in Hyde Park, Vt., and recently won the Vermont Writer's Prize for 2021. His award-winning article is titled "The Barn" and was in the summer issue of *Vermont Magazine*. • This fall **Samantha Gault** (MA '11) joined the faculty of the New Canaan (Conn.) Country School as a part-time Upper School English teacher and advisor. Previously she taught at the Dalton School in Manhattan for five years and at Greenwich Academy for eight years. • **Eve Tyrrell-Berinati** (MA '14) recently joined the English department at Harwood Union High School in Moretown, Vt. Her bio says, "Having taught locally and internationally since 2007, she is especially passionate about forming community through dialogue. When not teaching, she can be found swimming, cooking, writing, or drawing in her sketchbook." • Ideamensch.com recently interviewed **Ashok Bharucha** (MA '17) about his work as a psychiatrist. He has practiced adult and geriatric psychiatry for almost 30 years and has been the recipient of multiple teaching awards and nominations. He operates a private practice, Transformations: Adult and Geriatric Psychiatry.

BETTY ASHBURY JONES MA '86 SCHOOL OF FRENCH

ThycoticCentrify, a provider of cloud identity security solutions, recently announced that **Keith Green** (MA '84) has joined the company as chief human resources officer. He has held executive positions at several major organizations, including Deutsche Bank and Goldman Sachs. • This fall **Meghan Hazard** (MA '05) joined the faculty at Loomis Chaffee in the Modern and Classical Languages Department. She also coaches JV field hockey and lacrosse and lives on campus in Howe Hall.

ITALIAN SCHOOL

Rachel Viscomi (MA '98) was recently appointed clinical professor of law at Harvard Law School. Appointed director of the Harvard Negotiation and Mediation Clinical Program in 2018, she previously was an assistant clinical professor of law. She teaches several advanced negotiation courses.

SCHOOL OF JAPANESE

Tobias Maxwell ('85) never planned to have a tetralogy on his hands but a decade after his first memoir came out, the final installment in his actor's cycle is now available at bookstores everywhere. *Naked Ink, Diary of a Smalltown Boy*, a two-volume memoir, is the nitty-gritty life of an actor cum art model, hell-bent on making something happen for himself in NYC, circa 1980.

MIDDLEBURY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT MONTEREY

While COVID upended the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, it also provided a new volunteer opportunity for Institute students and recent alumni: the Junior Interpreter Program. **Maureen Sweeney** (MPA '94), who was the deputy chief of the interpreting staff for the 2020 games, was providing professional interpreters, equipment, and language services to the Tokyo organizing committee when she learned that the committee had to cut the overall number of foreign volunteers allowed to go to Japan. She came up with the idea of developing an internship program that would tap MIIS students and recent grads as remote volunteer interpreters. With the support of Laura Burian, the dean of the Graduate School of Translation, Interpretation, and Language Education at MIIS, she negotiated a contract between her company, Maureen Sweeney Consulting, and the Olympic organizing committee to provide remote interpretation into and from English for non-medal press conferences for soccer, field hockey, baseball, softball, handball, and basketball. She used Institute interpreters for Chinese, Japanese, French, German, and Spanish. The Junior Interpreter Program was a trail-blazing success, and she hopes to do it again for the 2024 Olympics in Paris.

KATHRYN WASSERMAN DAVIS SCHOOL OF RUSSIAN

Kenneth Yin ('88, '89, '91, Chinese School '90) sent the news that he recently published *Dungan Folktales and Legends* (Peter Lang, 2021), a 444-page collection of folk stories of the Sinophone Muslims of Central Asia. It is the most comprehensive collection of folk narratives of the Dungans, Chinese-speaking Muslims, and is available for the first time in English translation. For the project, he utilized his knowledge of both the Russian and Chinese languages, literatures, and cultures.

SCHOOL OF SPANISH

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary of Wynnewood, Pa., recently announced that this fall they were launching an English as a Second Language program for its increasingly diverse seminary student body. The new program's director is the Rev. **Gus Puleo** (MA '85), who obtained his PhD in Spanish from the Univ. of Pennsylvania.

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Steeplechase and took second in the 1500m in a time of 4:27. It was a lot of fun, and not too bad for an old guy! I'll be seeing **Jason McGowin** and his family for a family camping/mountain biking trip in Fruita, Colo., in late October." • When **Dean Plocher** won a special election to fill a vacant seat in the Missouri House and was sworn in in January 2016, he says he got a lot of mileage telling everybody that he was the lowest-ranking Republican in the state of Missouri. But last November his fellow Republicans tapped him for the job of majority floor leader of the Missouri House.
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Sean Casten, who represents the western suburbs of Chicago as a representative to Congress, was in the news this summer as he worked to make the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission more visible on Capitol Hill. He launched a "Hot FERC Summer" campaign, using a play on words of Megan Thee Stallion's "Hot Girl Summer," and proceeded to give memorable climate change speeches such as a "Fercalicious" talk, in which he sang a rendition to Fergie's "Fergalicious," and a Dolly Parton-inspired speech titled "FERCin' 9 to 5." • Check out photos of classmates on page 65!
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Needing just a little more complication in life, **Meghan Barstow** and **Oman Sloan** made the big move to Tokyo. As Meghan's grandfather always used to say, when the brass ring comes around, you have to grab it. So when they had a chance to move to Japan for Meghan's job (same company, new role), they seized it. The timing is good as their kids are all in college and their pup EJ agreed to join them, so they don't feel like total empty nesters. Once travel restrictions allow, they'd love to play host to Midd Kids who make it to Tokyo. • **Chris Butler** reports that their oldest, Lucas, graduated from Oakwood High School in Dayton, Ohio, and headed to Wake Forest this fall. "Having spent 12 years in North Carolina, we are excited for him and look forward to visiting him a lot—probably more than he'd like, but maybe free dinners will be appealing to him?" • **Sara Boisvert** and **Christine Waasdorp Hurtado** were able to catch up this summer—twice! Sara visited Colorado to support Christine's recovery and later in the summer Christine was able to visit Sara and her husband at their new home in Richmond, Va. Good times with great friends! • Having relocated to greater Seattle at the start of the COVID crisis, **Chris** and Inger Lund '95 **Carter** shared a July rental in Cascade Lake, Idaho, with the families of **Chris Kemple** and Chapin Hemphill '93. August brought a short visit to Seattle by **Ben Curtis**, followed by **Steve Halloran** and his family. The Carters see **Jon Johnstone** enough that it barely bears mentioning. • Congratulations to **Kelly Kryc** who was recently selected for a prestigious new position as NOAA's deputy assistant secretary for international fisheries. She will play a pivotal role in regulating fishing policy worldwide.
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Please send me your news! Classmates want to know what you are up to.
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REUNION CLASS Save the date for our 25th Reunion! It's hard to believe it's been a quarter of a century but then again, the only Apple product any of us owned in 1997 was a Macintosh Classic computer with a "floppy" disk drive! We watched shows like *Beverly Hills 90210* and *South Park* and the movie *Titanic*; the Backstreet Boys released their first album and George Clooney was voted "sexiest man alive" in *People* magazine. Let's celebrate 25 years by gathering together IN PERSON at our favorite place in Vermont. Join us June 9–12, bring your kids, tell your classmates. We're hoping to make this our greatest Reunion yet! Join our class Facebook Group for updates: Middlebury College Class of 1997. • Meanwhile, check out a mini-reunion photo on page 65!
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Dan and **Becky Walldroff Urbano** met up with **Julia Shreve Ryan** and her husband, Scott, in Jack London Square while the Ryans visited the San Francisco Bay Area. Becky, Dan, and their kids have spent most weekends of the last year-and-a-half sailing on the bay, hiking, or camping. • **Liz Gray** is still living in Bend, Ore., with husband Peter and daughters Hannah (10) and Cassidy (13). She writes, "I'm still a veterinarian, but now working remotely from home as a consultant for a large veterinary diagnostic lab called Idexx. We are transitioning from fire season, which is miserable these days here in Central Oregon, into the beauty of fall. Just bought our Bachelor ski passes, so just waiting for the snow. I'd love to see any Midd Kids that pass through this area!" • **Molly Campbell Voorhees** is taking over ownership of the Chocolate Bar in Houston and opened a new restaurant, Agnes, in June. Visit her in Houston for chocolate, burgers, and cocktails! • After almost 11 years working for Yosemite National Park, **Madelyn Carpenter Ruffner** now works for the National Park Service's Colorado office protecting resources at park units across the country. Although it was nice having the two kids grow up in a National Park, it's nice being back in civilization!
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Tom Winston sent word that his production company was recently nominated for three news and documentary Emmy awards for their film *Rewind.* He says, "*Rewind* is a story about multigenerational child abuse that I produced and I'm always trying to spread the word so it can be seen by as many people as possible." Tom is the founder and president of Grizzly Creek Films, a full-service production company that has created original series and specials for the National Geographic Channel, Smithsonian Channel, History Channel, and PBS. His films have been winners and finalists at Wildscreen Festival, the Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival, and the Banff Mountain Film Festival. To learn more about the film, go to middleburymagazine.com and click on September/October Editors' Picks. • Check out photos of some classmates on page 65!
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Two authors in our class have new publications! **Melanie Curtis** writes, "Hi all! My audible book is officially LIVE! It's called *How to Fly: Life Lessons from a Professional Skydiver*. This project was a year-and-a-half in the making, 11 years if you count from when I started writing my column, 25 years if you count from when I started skydiving. Not sure the world is ready for 13 hours and 3 minutes of me and yet, here we are, haha. Good luck! Listen or share however you are inspired and if you do, I hope you get so much out of it for yourself." Go to audible.com and search for Melanie Curtis to listen! • **Philip Dean Walker**'s third book, a collection of short stories called *Better Davis and Other Stories*, came out on September 15. In a starred review, *Kirkus Reviews* calls the stories "rich, elegiac meditations on art, sex, and death" and noted that Philip's "sparkling prose often has an Old Hollywood feel to it." Congratulations, Melanie and Phil! • This iteration of class notes is bittersweet, because along with the happy news we're celebrating, I also have sad news to report: our classmate **Erin Carr Adams** passed away on July 1. She lived in Indiana and leaves a beloved daughter. I remember Erin as a vivacious member of the Otter Nonsense group at Middlebury. I'm sure those of you who knew her better have other memories to share, from Middlebury and beyond. I'd be happy to include them

in the next round of class notes, if you would like. The Middlebury community extends its condolences to all of Erin's friends and family.
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01 **Peter Day** reports, "I'm grateful to be living in Shelburne, Vt., with wife Emily and daughter Maggie, who turned two in June. I'm still rocking with the Grift and excited to see familiar Midd faces at many of the events we play. I'm also working on a whole barrel full of new solo material about which I'm very excited—you can check out all the new tunes and be part of the creative process through my Patreon: patreon.com/peterdaymusic. May you be happy and healthy, and I hope to see you at a gig soon!" • **Chris Timberlake** and his partner, Sarah Jenne, recently welcomed their second son, Owen, on January 6, 2021, in Austin, Texas. Chris's jewelry was the cover story in the July edition of *MJSA Journal*, a metalsmith and jewelry magazine. You can check out his jewelry designs at www.cttjewelry.com or on Instagram @cttjewelry. • **Jennie Schniedwind Cambier** writes, "After 16-plus years as an architect working on designs for K–12, university, and education-focused buildings in the Pacific Northwest, I recently made the jump from firm practice to the owner's side as the associate vice president for land use and planning at the University of Portland. I am thrilled to be working on a campus in a more permanent way and contributing long-term to its growth and development. I'm heading up a campus master plan process, planning for new building projects, and getting to know the campus, community, and spaces. I'm thinking a lot these days about my experiences at Middlebury and the University of Oregon (grad school) and how much I loved being part of the activity and energy. I'm keeping my fingers crossed (along with everyone else) that we all have safe fall terms and beyond." • **Corey** and **Kate Griffiths Wilk** cohosted a backyard party in Needham, Mass., on July 17 to raise money for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Kate's mom and the mom of Dana Schneider '93. Live music was performed by Pete Francis (Heimbold) '99, formerly of Dispatch, and Jay Driscoll of Barefoot Truth. **Peter** and Jeanne Restivo '99 **Jacoby** and **Matt** and **Leslie Fox Arnould** attended the party. See page 65 for a group photo! • Congratulations to **Amy Wales**, who received the American Marketing Assoc. Foundation 2021 National Nonprofit Marketer of the Year Award. Amy is the senior vice president of communications and public affairs at SightLife, the world's largest nonprofit eye bank and global public health organization dedicated to eliminating corneal blindness. • **Sam McVey** has been fundraising this fall for boys in Cartagena, Colombia, who have a dream of playing professional baseball in the major league. "These boys come from families living in poverty and have limited access to education resources. Most of them do not speak English but they have a strong desire to learn. I am raising money in order to put on an event in Cartagena that will allow them to meet educators and baseball coaches from the U.S. and the Dominican Republic." He was planning to have fun games, including the homerun derby and a pitchers' duel, and their families would be invited to attend the event and afterwards have a BBQ where the boys would have the opportunity to speak with teachers, university professors, and baseball coaches as well as receive prizes such as books, T-shirts, hats, and iPads. • Congratulations to **Nickie Hoeksma Gordon**, who along with Margaret Sohagi, was selected as a nominee by *Los Angeles Times B2B Publishing* for its inaugural Inspirational Women Awards. Nickie is a partner in the Sohagi Law Group, an environmental and land use firm. She advises public agencies on complex environmental and land use planning matters and her experience includes renewable energy projects, transmission lines, harbor improvements, and airport extensions, to name a few. She has also been named a Southern California Super Lawyer!
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02 **REUNION CLASS** We are saddened to share some unfortunate news with our friends and classmates. **Francis Brian Reilly** of San Francisco, Calif., and Bali, Indonesia, died on May 28. In his 41 years, Brian traveled to six continents and over 50 countries. He loved to see the world from the top of a bike or walking the path less traveled. Brian was a man who never met a stranger and saw each person who entered his circle as part of his extended family. Brian believed in always seeing commonalities before seeing differences and left a lasting impression on everyone he encountered. In honor of Brian, we want to share some thoughts and remembrances from his fellow classmates. "I have a few memories that stand out when I think about Brian. We partnered up to spend the night with Don Mitchell's sheep as part of the Visions of Nature class. Brian had a unique ability for instant intimacy with a laid-back, McConaughey vibe and willingness to connect and talk about almost anything—which we did as we stayed up all night waiting for a lamb to be born. I also remember he had a way of getting you excited about whatever he was into, whether it was mate yerba or Blundstones. I never got the taste for the mate, but I was convinced to try it several times (he raved about it so much that I was SURE it would take eventually). And Blundstones, thanks to Brian, became my go-to boot for over a decade. Most recently I remember seeing him at our 15th Reunion, with a huge smile on his face. I will always remember him being one of the people with whom we were most happy to have had the chance to catch up. All those years later, he was still incredibly easy to talk to and charming as ever." "Brian lived an authentic life, always following some guiding force, and inspiring many people in the process. In many ways, he was a mirror for me and others, where he showed us what was lacking so we could realize our full potential. He had a knack for building amazing homes and communities, and always was able to find the beautiful. His funeral was another reminder of just how many people he touched, and how different we all are, yet united in our love for him as one big family." "Brian made you feel special, the moment you tapped him on the shoulder or entered the room and he paused from his current conversation to smile widely, open his arms, and wrap you in a hug. You were then a part of the conversation, and a part of his world (a great place to be). He did this with so many people, from close friends to new acquaintances, and you immediately felt his warmth and genuine spirit." We will miss seeing him and hearing about his adventures at the 20-year Reunion next spring. May he rest in peace. • On a happier note, **Nina Kieves** sent in news about her wedding to Justin Rogers. Check out a photo on page 70.
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03 **Lisa Jasinski** is in the midst of a year of professional growth as an American Council on Education Fellow in Residence at the University of New Mexico. COVID-willing, she hopes to take her twice-delayed Fulbright grant to Finland in June 2022, escaping the San Antonio heat for the woods and lakes of the Nordic Countries.
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04 Please send us your news! We'd love to hear from you!
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05 **Allie Beck**'s April was made with a lovely al fresco dinner in Portland, Ore., with **Emily Hruby Halpern**, a much overdue catch-up! Then, Allie got married to Jonathan Pappasideris in May in California. In proper COVID fashion, Allie and Jonathan did have to change plans a few times, but a pandemic would not stop them. They had the most perfect, sunny, warm day surrounded by their immediate families with the leisurely dinner party they only dreamt of during the worst of the pandemic. It felt like a dream, so much so, she is thankful to celebrate again with friends this fall. You can see a photo of Allie and Jonathan on page 83. • **Dena Simmons** resigned from her faculty role at the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence to start LiberatED, a liberatory approach to social and emotional learning, racial and social justice, and healing. LiberatED is a part of her self-care and liberation journey. She is also the inaugural scholar in residence at the Institute for

Racial Justice at Loyola University of Chicago. In May 2020, Dena took part in the taping of an OWN show (air date: TBD) with actress Kym Whitley, California surgeon general, Dr. Nadine Burke-Harris, and Oprah! to discuss mental health and trauma in the Black community. Dena is working on finishing up her upcoming St. Martin's Press book, *White Rules for Black People*. She remains in touch with **Tina Velez**, **Christina Tolbert**, **Erin Amico**, and **Alicia Hernandez**. • **Andrea Hamre** is looking forward to returning to Vermont to teach during Middlebury's winter term 2022! She will be offering Environmental Studies 1050: A Mile in Your Shoes—Confronting the Promise and Peril of Pedestrian Experiences. • After eight years teaching theater at Washington College, **Laura Eckelman** has moved from Maryland back to Massachusetts, where she's starting a new job at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. She's excited to be back in New England, just a short drive from beautiful Vermont. • **Emma Sabiiti** spent quality time with family through the summer while praying for his country Uganda as it was going through the worst of COVID. • **Jasmin "Jazzy" Johnson** is now safely back in Switzerland and is enjoying the refreshing Swiss mountains and reruns of *The Wire*.

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As the pandemic marches confidently into its second year, we '06ers march forward as well, perhaps brushed backwards (hence our brief hiatus from the notes), but never knocked down. Of course, on the top of all our minds, the one fact we can't ignore is that we were unable to have our 15-year Reunion last summer. That meant no Long Island Iced Teas at Ups, no gossiping about who lost the most hair, no toes dipped into Dunmore. Some of us have never seen the construction in the center of town. What took the place of Angela's? And do students still wear Middlebury Quidditch shirts? All we can do is persevere, continue to build memories and accrue stories that we can hopefully share at our 20th Reunion. For example, **Alex Casnocha** and I (**Jack Donaldson**) can tell people about the Ride Mod Book Club that was started during lockdown. The entire mod (except **Andreas Apostolatos**, who is dedicated to a high-flying career of corporate finance in New York and to watching every Knicks game at the local well but is decidedly *not* dedicated to getting together with his friends and reading a book) gathers once a month via Zoom to discuss a novel. If anyone has recommendations for what we should read next, let us know. Standouts so far have included *Homeland Elegies* by Ayad Akhtar, and *The North Water* by Ian McGuire. • **Annie Stamell** used pandemic life to make the big move from Los Angeles back to her native soil in Maine. Even though the locals still think she's "from away," she's been accruing a large collection of fleeces, both LL Bean and Patagonia, to prove her cred. She's also taking stunning photos of lakes, oceans, and mountains. If you find yourself up in Portland, shoot her a text and she'll take you to Becky's for a toasted blueberry muffin! • **Andrew** and Martha Ann Underhill '07.5 **Pavoni** have been living on the west side of Los Angeles for a few years now, eating healthy, raising beautiful kids, and for Andrew, dressing head to toe in athleisure. If anyone has a picture of him not wearing a Lululemon shirt in the past five years, please send it our way. Now they've made their West Coast residency more official by buying a home in Manhattan Beach. • **Jonathan** and **Jamie Wong Larson** moved their family east, to New York City, where Jonathan is working with fellow '06er **Peter Lubans.** • **JP Coviello** and wife Jenna welcomed their baby girl Camila last spring. They've also welcomed a refurbished vintage Land Cruiser to their home as well. But, the baby is cuter. Albeit less good in snow. So far. • **Brittany Potz** and husband Jake welcomed baby Brant this past summer, who joins his older brother Hudson in Boston. • Last winter, **Travis Meyer** and **Celia Cohen** welcomed their baby girl, Margaret. • **Josh White** and wife Dani welcomed their baby, Campbell, last year as well. • This past summer, **Schuyler Winstead Matthiesen**, **Michele Bergofsky Hornok**, **Ashley Lyddane Beberus**, **Channing Weymouth**, **Ramsay Hill Chodounsky**, and **Elizabeth Renehan Skoglund** got together for a Sweet Lax reunion (Miche's term, not ours) in New Hampshire. • **Coleman Hutzler** has taken his talents to Oxford, Miss., to be the special teams coordinator for Lane "Popcorn" Kiffin and the Rebels. Go Ole Miss! • As our more dedicated readers will know, we've long been on the hunt for updates about the enigma that is **Tyler Bak.** There have been whispers and rumors, but we finally found him. He is living in Scituate, Mass., and is recently married to Emilie Sullivan. The wedding was how we blew the lid off this story wide open, as it was well attended by members of the Middlebury baseball and football teams, among other Midd Kids. • Circling back to the mod: **Alex Casnocha** returned to Washington, D.C., after two years in Ankara, Turkey. In the meantime, his daughter and **Ian Duffy**'s daughter go to the same preschool in the District, and the families get together often on the weekends to have some laughs and scheme about how to get their kids to matriculate to Middlebury together. • **Jack Donaldson** and Julia Bredrup '07 still live in Los Angeles with their kids, Wesley and Posey, and their dog, Elaine. They used the pandemic as the motivation to buy a cottage in Vergennes, Vt., on the shores of Lake Champlain. If you're in the area in July or August, please let us know! • **Nathan Edmunds** and wife Jenna are living in Seattle, and they welcomed their son, Miles, last spring. Miles and older sister June love bedtime and peacefully sleep through the night. Nate is teaching at the Overlake School and getting a lot of use out of the Peloton app. • **Dan Saper** and **Mitch St. Peter** have been getting together in the San Francisco Bay Area for some early morning golf, and Dan has been giving Mitch pointers on his short game that have really helped. Nice work, Dan! Saper is living in Piedmont and Mitch in San Francisco. • **Jackie Edwards Kircher** and her family are living in Germany, where she works at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center as a cardiologist. • Lastly, thanks to all of our class's frontline workers, including **Maryanne Verzosa Fraser**, **Tory Glowacky**, and all the other doctors, nurses and healthcare workers amongst us. Get vaccinated and we hope to see you soon! • We also want to give a huge thanks to **Jess Van Wagenen O'Rielly** for being a class correspondent for '06 these past 15 years! She is stepping down.

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REUNION CLASS At this point, I need to step down as class correspondent. If anyone is able to take over, please contact Sara Marshall, Alumni Editor, at smarshal@middlebury.edu. Also, please put our Reunion on your calendar for June 10–12, 2022!

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Rebecca Jones had an exciting and productive summer! Her first novel, *Steadying the Ark*, is being published March 22, 2022, by Bella Books. Additionally, Rebecca was recently awarded Criminal Attorney of the Year 2020 by the Arizona Attorney General's Office and Felony Prosecutor of the Year 2020 by the Arizona Prosecuting Attorney Advisory Council. • **Tyler Cotton** sent news about his marriage to Joyce Zhao. See a photo on page 83!

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Please send us your news! We'd love to hear from you!

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Class of 2010! As cities and countries are opening up, we think we made it out of the worst times. Now we can only thank everyone and say—here's to our 15-year Reunion! • As you know weddings and special occasions with large gatherings have been hard to come by. This edition I (**Oscar**) bring you a story of **David Hamberlin** and **Tenzin Sherpa**. (You may have seen reference to this story and accompanying photos in the spring notes.) Tenzin and David met as roommates in Battell. From

there, they redefined their friendship as roommates again—in Gifford. After Midd, they kept in touch, grew up, and found their respective loved ones. For David, it was Lorena Jiron '09, and for Tenzin Sherpa it was Tenzin Keys. Their friendship grew after Middlebury, but it wasn't until "Keep the Date" cards came out that they realized their weddings were happening on the same day! Fast-forward six months to 10-10-20 and David and Tenzin were sitting in separate places, seven months into the "thing that should not be named," and having separate small ceremonies miles away from each other. Both friends talked in the lead-up to their weddings and knew that this was an auspicious day that they should keep. I had the pleasure to attend Tenzin's ceremony and David was given a celebratory congratulations. I can affirm David also gave a celebratory toast to Tenzin in his ceremony. To conclude, this "thing that should not be named" forced a lot of sacrifices, but not love. **Alice Ford** and I welcome your stories from the "thing that should not be named." Cheers to the shining future ahead. • **Greg Larsen** updates us by sharing, "I'm starting the last year of my PhD research at Duke University Marine Lab, where I've been using drones to study marine predators in Alaska and Antarctica. I spend a lot of time using GIS methods, and I'm frequently grateful for the excellent and challenging course that I took with Jeff Howarth at Midd so many years ago—and for all the excellent scientific mentorship I received in the biology program and especially with the Spritzer lab. I'm hoping to visit campus again someday, maybe once I've finished graduate school." • **Mikaela Lefrak** and husband **Charlie Hofmann** have relocated from Washington, D.C., to Burlington, Vt. She's the new cohost of the daily news program *Vermont Edition* on Vermont Public Radio. • **Christopher Lam** says, "After graduating from Middlebury, I went to veterinary school in Sydney, Australia, and became a veterinarian in 2015. I subsequently worked in small animal practices across Australia, completed a one-year internship in Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph, Canada, and started a mobile practice in the High Western Arctic in a small town called Inuvik in Northwest Territories, Canada. In late 2018, I returned to Australia to get married, and after working as a general practitioner for six months, I embarked on a three-year training program to further specialize as a veterinary cardiologist in Brisbane, Queensland, and I am currently finishing my second year of training and absolutely loving it." • **Kristen LaPlante Beall** is busy. She says, "My family and I moved from New York City to Bergen County, N.J., just before COVID—our timing ended up being pretty fortuitous! My son, Conor, is 18 months old now and this fall, I'm excited to be stepping away from teaching high school math for a bit to stay home and take care of him. I was so sad to miss out on our 10-year Reunion but Zoom hangouts with Middlebury friends were a major highlight of pandemic times." • **Mary Lane** has exciting news. In 2019,

1 Middlebury Class of 1991 friends gathered at the funeral service in Vermont for Dave Rogers at the end of August: Kilian Forgus, David Frame, Gavin Johnston, Clymer Bardsley, Paul Scola, David Findlay, Bill Driscoll, and Chris Adshead.

2 In Big Sur, Calif., Allison Beck '05 and Jonathan Pappasideris were married on May 8, 2021. Although they had to change their plans several times, they had a sunny, warm day surrounded by their immediate families with a leisurely dinner party they had only dreamt of during the pandemic. 3 On June 2, 2021, Tyler Cotton '08 married Joyce Zhao at the marriage bureau in her hometown of Langfang, China, just outside of Beijing, where they live with their corgi, Hulu. 4 Joanna Balla '18 married Dylan Elliott (Brown Univ. '19) on June 30, 2019, at Sanctuary Church in Providence, R.I.

she published *Hitler's Last Hostages: Looted Art and the Soul of the Third Reich*, which was praised in both the *Financial Times* and the *New York Times*. It's even being translated into Chinese! She's not stopping there, though; this past summer, she was a Davis Fellow at the Middlebury School for French. Congratulations, Mary, on the publication! • As reported in the summer notes, **Tim Henderson** married Paige Kendall last March. You can see a photo from their wedding on page 70. *—Class Correspondents: Alice Ford (alicemarieford@gmail.com); Oscar Loyo (loyo.oscar@gmail.com).*

11 The *Washington Post* announced that **Shabana Basij-Rasikh** has joined its Global Opinions section as a contributing columnist. Shabana, cofounder and president of the School of Leadership, Afghanistan (SOLA), will write about the ways the Taliban government is reshaping Afghanistan, the new Afghan diaspora, and girls' education around the world, among other issues. As the Taliban recaptured Kabul, Shabana helped nearly 100 SOLA students, along with many staff and their family members, leave Afghanistan for Rwanda, where they've begun a study abroad program and resumed their schooling. • **Lauren Sanchez** has been working at different levels of government for a decade on climate issues. She's worked in climate policy roles with the California Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board; she served on the Paris Agreement negotiation team with the State Dept. during former Barack Obama's presidency; and she served as an advisor to John Kerry, who President Biden tapped to be the top U.S. climate diplomat. Recently, however, she became the senior climate advisor for California Governor Gavin Newsom. She lives in Oakland, Calif. • We are still looking for classmates to take over as the class correspondents for **Ashley Cheung** and **Carly Lynch**. If you are interested, please contact Sara Marshall, Alumni Editor, at smarshal@middlebury.edu.

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12 **REUNION CLASS** Happy fall! It's hard to believe we are now less than a year away from our 10-year Middlebury Reunion! As always, please feel free to reach out anytime with an update. • **Gavin Bauer** and partner Paige just bought their first house, in Windham, Maine. They are working on converting their lawn into a permaculture oasis. He has been working for IDEXX, doing technical support for veterinary X-ray systems. • **Jordan Weiss Cohen** shares, "We actually had a busy year! We all changed our last name as a family back to my husband's original family surname of Cohen (anglicized to Coleman during WWII due to antisemitism). On April 6, 2021, we welcomed a baby boy, Lior Efraim Cohen. He joins big brother, Ziv (18 mos.)." • In June 2021, **Katie Dunleavy**, MD, graduated from her residency in internal medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in NYC. She has moved to Rochester, Minn., to begin her fellowship in gastroenterology and hepatology at the Mayo Clinic.
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13 Congratulations to **Annie Ulrich**, who is the winner of the 2021 Barbara Matera Award for Costume Making. This past spring, Annie completed her MFA in theatre and dance (costume technology) at the University of Texas at Austin. • **Chelsea Edgar** recently had a story in *Seven Days* called "Vermont Publishing House Chelsea Green Is Peddling Coronavirus Misinformation." She writes about how Chelsea Green has published *The Truth about COVID-19,* cowritten by Joseph Mercola, the world's most prolific disseminator of COVID-19

misinformation. Chelsea is a staff writer for the newspaper and has also written for BuzzFeed and *Philadelphia* magazine.
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14 Water Street Healthcare Partners, a strategic investor focused exclusively on the healthcare industry, recently named **Caroline Kenter Larew** as vice president. Previously she was an associate with Madison Dearborn Partners. She earned her MBA at Stanford. • **Mackenzie Walsh** and Charlie Koch '13 were married in July. Check out a photo with a lot of classmates on page 66!
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15 **Clara Gottesman** and Sam Hage '16 sent in their wedding photo. Check it out on page 70!
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16 If you have any news to share, please send it to us!
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17 **REUNION CLASS** Save the date! We celebrate our 5th Reunion next June 10–12!
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18 On July 27, **Farid Noori** rode his bike up the Appalachian Gap in Vermont 21 times in a row, which was the equivalent distance of biking up the highest mountain in Afghanistan, Mt. Naw Shakh, 24,580 feet tall. The ride was cool and rainy, but he completed it, often joined by fellow Midd grads, Ted King '05 and Warren Galloway '21. Besides challenging himself with a major mountain climb, Farid's main reason for the ride was to raise money to benefit the Sayed Ul Shuhada high school in Afghanistan. In May, the school was bombed by the Taliban in the afternoon, killing 90, mostly teenage girls who took classes at that time. Farid spent the summer visiting mountain bike clubs around Vermont and elsewhere to collect donations—money, bikes, gear, anything—for MTB Afghanistan, a mountain biking organization he'd founded in 2018. He told Voice of America before his ride, "We use the bike as a tool to bring joy and hope into the lives of Afghan youth. We believe the bike is the most effective tool for the emancipation of Afghan women and normalizing their freedom of movement in Afghan society." Unfortunately, his efforts came to a halt in August when the U.S. withdrew its troops from Afghanistan, and the Taliban took over the country. Farid isn't sure what kind of cycling will be able to take place under their rule, but women will surely be banned from participating. • In September, **Devin McGrath-Conwell** had a guest post on horrorhomeroom.com called "Mike Flanagan's Devotion to Negative Space." His writings have also appeared on portlandfilmreview.com, where he is a staff writer, and cbsnews.com. He is working on a screenwriting MFA at Emerson College. • **Joanna Balla** married Dylan Elliott on June 30. Check out their photo on page 83!
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19 **Michelle Lehman** has spent her time since graduation producing two- and three-dimensional science animations for Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Quantum Design. She pursues freelance projects on the side, primarily within the realm of mental health and well-being. You can view her work by visiting her website at michesniche.com. • **Amanda Kirkeby** is working as a researcher at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Colorado, creating resources for achieving safe, energy-efficient and sustainable laboratories, including the Smart Labs Toolkit. She also supports the Solar Decathlon through the U.S. Department of Energy as assistant competition manager for the Design Challenge, bringing it full circle with her own experience as a Solar Decathlete at Middlebury (then known as Race to Zero), which introduced her to the field of energy-efficient buildings. • The *Middlebury Campus* recently talked to **Colby Morris** on Siefer's Scoop podcast about his postgraduation baseball career. Since leaving Midd, he has played for several independent and minor league baseball teams and currently is pitching for the Brooklyn Cyclones, a High-A affiliate of the New York Mets. Check out the podcast on middleburycampus.com.
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20 In August, the band the Big Sip, formed while at Midd, released their first full-length album. Bandmates **Matthew Diener**, **Jack Cattabiani**, **Nick Schrope**, and **Evan Mercer** released EPs in 2017 and 2018 that set the stage for their latest LP, which was recently reviewed in *Seven Days.* The review called it a "thoughtfully arranged, ambitious batch of well-polished songs." Check it out at thebigsip.bandcamp.com.
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39 **Irene Fernandez Anderson**, 102, of Fort Belvoir, Va., on April 5, 2019. A member of Alpha Xi Delta, she taught in Stowe, Vt., and helped set up and teach in the Spanish and French Departments at Vermont Junior College in Montpelier. She then taught five years at Syracuse Univ., mostly Korean War veterans, and earned her master's in romance languages. After marrying a marine colonel who became a general, she spent her days as a military wife. She was predeceased by husband Norman with whom she had two sons, Norman and Kirk.

Frances Barrett Johnson, 101, of Worcester, Mass., on July 10, 2020. With graduate work at Worcester State College, she had a long career in education, teaching English for four years in Waitsfield and Ludlow, Vt., and teaching social studies and language arts for 21 years in Shrewsbury, Mass. In retirement, she was an active volunteer and tutored. She and former husband Jack Johnson '41 had two children, Eric and Signe.

45 **Joye Hummel Kelly**, 97, of Winter Haven, Fla., on April 5, 2021. After leaving Middlebury after her first year, she went to the Katharine Gibbs School, where she met William Marston, who offered her a job writing scripts for Wonder Woman comics. The first woman to write scripts for the Wonder Woman comic-book franchise, she wrote over 70 Wonder Woman adventures before stopping in 1947. Although largely unknown for years, she was invited in 2018 to attend Comic-Con in San Diego and accept the Bill Finger Award for Excellence in Comic Book Writing. She became a pioneer again in the 1960s, when she passed a stockbroker's exam at a time when there were few women in the field. Predeceased by first husband David Murchison and son David Jr., she is survived by second husband Jack Kelly, son Robb Murchison, stepchildren Sally Boyd, Kimberly Hallberg, and Jeffrey Kelly, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Mary Elizabeth Wisotzkey McClellan, 97, of Peterborough, N.H., on February 2, 2021. At Middlebury, she was a member of Pi Beta Phi. She accompanied her husband as he began his career in education, and when they arrived at the Lawrenceville School in 1950, she supported his role as Head of House at Hamill House and then as Head of School until 1986. She was a committed volunteer, especially with the YWCA, where she founded the Artisans Guild in Princeton, N.J. She authored *Felt–Silk–Straw Handmade Hats: Tools and Processes* for the Bucks County Historical Society in Doylestown, Pa. A loyal Middlebury alumna, she served as class correspondent and class agent for the Class of 1945 for many years. Predeceased by husband Bruce, she is survived by daughter Ann, sons William and Robert, and four grandchildren.

The following is a list of deaths reported to us since the previous issue went to the printers. Full obituaries will appear in future issues of the magazine.

Laura Fenn Fuller '40 . . . . . August 22, 2021
Arthur S. Johnson III '44 . . . . . September 22, 2021
Frances Horning Barraclough '45 . . . . . August 15, 2021
Dorothea Robinson Foster '45 . . . . . August 29, 2021
Marjorie Watson Haller '45 . . . . . September 25, 2021
Maurice C. Vercoe '45 . . . . . August 15, 2021
Jeanne Picard Johnson '46 . . . . . October 6, 2021
Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom '46 . . May 19, 2021
Dolores Balzac Wiemann '46 . . . . . July 24, 2021
Joseph C. Jones '48 . . . . . July 17, 2021
Thomas L. Lyall '48 . . . . . September 18, 2021
Gerald W. Elbers '49 . . . . . August 13, 2021
Ruth Grotz Hoegberg '49 . . . . . October 1, 2021
Jacque Snyder Braddock '50 . . . . . August 11, 2021
Anne Drysdale Connington '51 . . . . . June 13, 2021
Phyllis Cole Deming '51 . . . . . July 19, 2021
Philip E. Barton '52 . . . . . August 17, 2021
Ann-Marie Kearney Ellison '52 . . . . . August 9, 2021
Elizabeth Loemker Furber '52 . . . . . July 21, 2021
Judith Hudders Lovegren '52 . . . . . August 18, 2021
Marion Seymour '53 . . . . . July 22, 2021
Monroe "Mike" B. Hall '54 . . . . . September 7, 2021
E. Jean Tibbetts Pentland '54 . . . . . June 14, 2021
Thomas J. Lamson '55 . . . . . September 24, 2021
David M. Stone '55 . . . . . September 5, 2021
C. Richard Catlin '56 . . . . . August 26, 2021
Matthew J. Ellis Jr. '56 . . . . . September 10, 2021
Peter H. Greenman '56 . . . . . October 2, 2021
Thomas T. Shiverick '56 . . . . . August 27, 2021
Thomas S. Woolsey '56 . . . . . August 25, 2021
John M. Faulhaber '57 . . . . . October 10, 2021
Briggs F. Spach Jr. '57 . . . . . March 11, 2021
Donald M. Young '57 . . . . . May 9, 2020
Sarah Gray Bock '59 . . . . . August 12, 2021
Steven B. Smith '59 . . . . . August 28, 2021
Dorothy A. Cattelle '60 . . . . . October 10, 2021
Thomas H. Cornick '60 . . . . . August 13, 2021
Marion Yeaman Land '61 . . . . . October 10, 2021
Charles J. Fanning '62 . . . . . August 12, 2021
David E. Gannett '62 . . . . . August 22, 2021
Edwin G. Adams Jr. '63 . . . . . August 1, 2021
Katherine Holt Barnes '63 . . . . . October 10, 2021
Noel W. Kane '63 . . . . . September 10, 2021
Allan C. Bloomquist '65 . . . . . September 18, 2021
Nicholas Whittemore '65 . . . . . September 29, 2021
Sheldon A. Baker '67 . . . . . August 6, 2021
Daniel S. Brown '68 . . . . . August 10, 2021
Bruce B. Shafiroff '68 . . . . . September 13, 2021
James M. Hoverman '69 . . . . . August 16, 2021
Howard E. Richmond Jr. '69 . . . . . July 19, 2021
Robert D. Skelley '71 . . . . . July 4, 2021
Craig H. Simmons '76 . . . . . September 30, 2021
Megan W. Battey '79 . . . . . September 25, 2021
Robert V. DiLisio '80 . . . . . September 8, 2021
Andrew D. Dutterer '01 . . . . . September 25, 2021
Courtney Lane Bass '02 . . . . . August 27, 2021

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Herbert Dalin, MA English '82 . . . . . July 22, 2021
Rebecca D. Davis, MA English '90 . . . September 5, 2021
Marjorie Fox Philip, MA French '57 . . . . . July 23, 2021
Velia Fiori Pryce, MA French '58 . . . . . August 30, 2021
William C. Horner, MA French '63 . . . September 1, 2021
G. Ronald Smith, MA French '72 . . . . September 7, 2021
Sr. Lois A. Barton, MA French '78 . . . . August 25, 2021
Helen Ryan-Ranson, DML French '80 . . . March 3, 2021
Rory Koepp Mazur, MA German '71 . . . . . July 11, 2021
Helen Mamikonian, MA Russian '62 . . . . . July 21, 2021
Caroline Reinero Kemmerer, MA Spanish '55 . . . . . July 13, 2021
David Ballesteros, MA Spanish '58 . . . . . August 5, 2021
Arthur E. Arnold II, MA Spanish '61 . . . . . June 20, 2021
Philena Werden, MA Spanish '67 . . . . . October 1, 2021
Katherine M. Ivanovich, MA Spanish '68 . . . . . August 10, 2021
Earl R. Stowell, MAIPS '75 . . . . . July 22, 2021
Nanette Fausnaugh Johnson, MBA '85 . . . August 4, 2021
Kathleen D. Duryee MPA '00 . . . . . October 6, 2021

46 **Theodore E. Guglin**, 86, of Rochester, N.Y., on March 8, 2010. A member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, he joined the Marines during WWII and also served during the Korean War. He continued in the Marine Corps Reserve and was a colonel and the commanding officer of the East Coast Battallion at the time of his retirement. He also had a lifelong career in education, serving as a teacher and administrator in the Rochester City School District. Predeceased by wife Janice (Foote) '50, he is survived by children Pamela, Theodore, Tamara, Charles, and Lance '82. Middlebury relatives include nephews Peter '80 and Richard Foote '80.

Joan Smith Rovegno, 95, formerly of Houston, Texas, on March 1, 2021. At Middlebury she was in Kappa Kappa Gamma. After a short career in New York City then at Adelphia as secretary to the dean of the School of Nursing, she was an active volunteer while raising her children. Predeceased by husband Richard, she is survived by children Ann, Jane, and Richard, seven grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Mary Anderson Williams, 89, of Woodbridge, Va., on March 18, 2014. After earning her RN at Mass General Hospital School of Nursing, she worked as a staff nurse at USAF Hospital on Loring Air Force Base in Maine. Moving to Virginia, she worked for many years as a clinical nurse at DeWitt Army Hospital in Fort Belvoir, retiring in 1987. She was predeceased by husband Thomas, with whom she had five children, Alexa, Theodore, Barbara, Tyrone, and Cynthia.

48 **Doris "Perry" Maurer Thompson**, 94, of Panton, Vt., on January 23, 2021. A member of Alpha Xi Delta, she worked at AT&T in White Plains, N.Y., after graduation. While raising her children she was involved as a Boy and Girl Scout leader and volunteered in school libraries, helping to set up new ones in new schools. She also worked with School Volunteers of Boston setting up and staffing libraries in the inner city. Moving to Vermont, she volunteered over 20 years at the Ilsley Library in Middlebury, especially in the children's area. Predeceased by husband David '49 and son David '72, she is survived by children Laurie '75 and Donald '77, five grandchildren including Andrew Thompson '00, and three great-grandchildren.

49 **Peter J. Cass**, 96, of Cedar Grove, N.J., on February 11, 2021. He graduated from Columbia Midshipman's School and spent 1944–46 in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters during WWII. After graduating from Middlebury, he served two years in the Navy during the Korean War. With a law degree from Columbia Law School, he worked at Riker, Emory, and Danzig in Newark before opening a law practice with his wife. In 1960 he became a municipal court judge and in 1974, was appointed to the juvenile and domestic relations court before being appointed a judge of the Superior Court. Retiring in 1991, he continued in the Superior Court as a trial judge, sitting on recall. Predeceased by wife Rosemary (Higgins) by five days, he is survived by children Colleen and John, and six grandchildren.

Barbara Girard Scali, 93, of Middletown, N.Y., on December 20, 2020. A member of Sigma Kappa, she did graduate work at Dayton Business School. She served as a legal secretary to Supreme Court Justice Samuel Eager, Chief Administrative Judge Angelo Ingrassia, and Appellate Division Justice David Ritter throughout a long career in law that included many years at the firm of Bull, Morreale, and Ingrassia and years as a paralegal in her son's law firm. She volunteered on numerous committees, including for the American Cancer Society, and was a founding member of the Little People Nursery School. Husband Nicholas survived her by nine days, dying December 29, 2020. Predeceased by son Thomas, she is survived by son Joseph, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sister Constance Girard Brown '41.

Margaret "Ann" Holt Watkins, 93, of Vero Beach, Fla., on January 12, 2021. Her first job was teaching French at a private girls' school in Colorado. She then took secretarial courses and moved to Boston, where

she worked at the Brown Company. She then worked at the Humanities and Foreign Language Departments at MIT. While raising her children, she was an active volunteer, especially in several high school libraries. Predeceased by husband Paul, she is survived by children Richard, Jan, and William, and five grandchildren.

50 **Faye George Berube**, 94, of Fall River, Mass., on April 9, 2021. As the first blind student to graduate from Middlebury, she was involved in many extracurricular activities in college, including the Mountain Club, Carnival Committees, Kappa Delta, and Women's Forum, and graduated cum laude. After college, she took a job as a court stenographer for the Montpelier, Vt., municipal court and worked at other state agencies as well. In 1960, the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind offered her a job as a rehabilitation teacher and she traveled throughout the state teaching the blind skills to maintain independent living. In 1991, she was awarded the Manuel Carballo Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service. She retired in 1992 as the supervisor of rehab teachers. Predeceased by husband Edmond, she is survived by children Donna '76 and Raymond, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Middlebury relatives include nieces Catherine Peacock '86 and Rhonda Kaliban '87, and great-niece Talia Judson '08.

51 **Sally Liptrott Edmondson**, 90, of Cherry Hill, N.J., on February 9, 2021. She was a world traveler and was successful in her career. Predeceased by husband Richard, she is survived by children Jeff, Robyn '81, Josie, Leah, and Kathy, 13 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Ernest Flegenheimer, 94, of Saginaw Township, Mich., on February 2, 2021. Born in Zurich, Switzerland, he lived in Italy and Germany, fleeing the Nazis in 1939 and moving to Canada then the U.S. He attended NYU, Middlebury, and Grenoble Univ. in France. His entire business career was dedicated to the sugar industry, working at a small family company, then Menominee Sugar Co., and ending up at Michigan Sugar Co. in 1961, where he was elected president and director, serving in that capacity until retiring in 1993. Predeceased by wife Marjorie (McGinn), he is survived by children Ellen, Lori, Eric, and Mark, 10 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Anne Monzert Greenleaf, 91, of North Scituate, R.I., on April 2, 2021. With a year studying in Paris while at Middlebury, she began her French teaching career at Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine. She took a hiatus from teaching while raising her children, then earning a master's from the Univ. of Rhode Island, she began a 22-year career teaching French at Coventry (R.I.) High School where she served as chair of the Language Dept. She retired in 1990. Predeceased by husband Robert, she is survived by sons Stephen and Mark, daughter Nancy, and five grandchildren.

Donald W. Sherburne, 92, of Saint Petersburg, Fla., on April 21, 2021. A member of Chi Psi, he earned a BA Oxon from Balliol College of Oxford Univ., then served three years in the Army during the Korean War. He earned an MA and PhD in philosophy from Yale Univ., where he was also an instructor in philosophy. He was hired by Vanderbilt Univ. to start a graduate program in philosophy and became a full professor and served as chair of the Philosophy Dept. for many years. He wrote two books on Alfred North Whitehead, was the editor of the journal *Soundings*, and received many academic and teaching excellence awards. He retired in 1995 as professor emeritus. He is survived by wife Elizabeth (Darling) '53, children Kevin, Nancy, and Lynne, and five grandchildren, including Karl Benz '13. Deceased Middlebury relatives include brother Joel '56.

52 **Elizabeth Mitchell Fitz-Estes**, 90, of Shirley, Mass., on February 2, 2021. She worked as a receptionist and secretary for the Polaroid Corp., then was hired by Digital Equipment Corp. (DEC) in 1953 as its first employee. After her children were grown, she worked as a school bus driver for Gokey and Quinn Bus Co., then returned to DEC as an executive secretary. Predeceased by first husband Robert Fitz, she is survived by second husband Willard, children John, Tom, and Nancy, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include mother Marion Tilden Mitchell, Class of 1922.

Anne Cleary Sennish, 90, of Kelleys Island, Ohio, on November 11, 2020. After her children were grown, she earned her master's in social work from the Univ. of Michigan at Dearborn. She was a member of the Kelleys Island Historical Society and was an avid artist, doing many paintings. Predeceased by husband James, she is survived by children John, Mary, Jane, Joseph, and Frank, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

53 **Harriet Nelson Edson**, 88, of Lancaster, Mass., on March 4, 2021. After college, she worked at Brandon State School then pursued graduate work at Simmons College School of Social Work. She practiced social work in North Carolina and Massachusetts and worked 13 years as a secretary in media graphics at Digital Equipment Corp. She volunteered in the Massachusetts state prisons for over 40 years and received the Hessa Miller Award as Volunteer of the Year from the Massachusetts Dept. of Education. She is survived by children Pamela, Peter, and Lauren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include grandfather Frank Nelson, Class of 1893; great-uncle Allen, Class of 1901, and great-aunt Alice Brainerd Nelson, Class of 1904; uncle Dane, Class of 1913, and aunt Elizabeth Caswell Jackson, Class of 1911; aunt Louise Nelson, Class of 1916; uncle Howard Nelson, Class of 1922; and mother Frances Caswell Nelson, Class of 1923.

Irene Widen Imbrogno, 89, of Charlotte, N.C., on March 30, 2021. A Kappa Kappa Gamma at Middlebury, she was deeply committed to serving others and giving back to her community. She fed the hungry for 22 years at Lynchburg (Va.) Daily Bread and received a volunteer award for her service to the organization. She worked with youth as a Big Sister for over 15 years and was Big Sister of the Year in 1991 for the Carolinas/Virginias Region. Predeceased by husband Louis '51, she is survived by children Fred, Lou, Ed, and Marci, and eight grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include brothers Bob '56 and Butch '58 Widen.

Pauline Welch Lemmon, 88, of Newport Beach, Calif., on January 26, 2021. A member of Kappa Delta sorority, she earned a graduate degree from the American Academy for the Dramatic Arts in New York in 1955. She performed on stage and on television and held many leading roles in summer stock theater over the years. Predeceased by husband Richard, she is survived by children Helen and Richard, and three grandchildren.

Kimber H. Smith, 89, of Greenville, S.C., on February 18, 2021. A Kappa Delta Rho, he entered the Navy OCS after college and upon being commissioned, served on a 147-foot, wooden hull minesweeper for three years in the Pacific. He spent his professional life in sales, working first for Pollock Paper Corp., before becoming a realtor in Swarthmore, Pa., where he worked as a broker, office manager, early IT trainer for realtors, and broker in charge. He also taught real estate courses in Delaware County, Pa., and Charleston and Greenville, S.C. He is survived by wife Sherry (Hunter), daughters Whitney and Alison, stepson Hunter, and four grandchildren.

54 **Sylvia Davis Robinson**, 88, of Ashburn, Va., on February 25, 2021. She worked as a translator and a programmer for the National Geographic Society, the National Security Agency, and for IBM. She was an active volunteer while her children were growing up. With a love of gardening, she earned her Master Gardener certification and answered questions for the Extension Service call-in helpline as well as worked for a nursery. Predeceased by husband Welba, she is survived by children Susan, Linda, and David, and four grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Karl, Class of 1917, aunt Gladys Davis Peabody, Class of 1914, and sister Priscilla Davis Ballou '49.

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55 **Dick J. J. Wollmar**, 88, of Durham, N.H., on February 5, 2021. A Theta Chi at Middlebury, he entered flight training in Pensacola and served in the Navy Reserve as commander and pilot. With an MBA from Cornell, he worked for W.R. Grace before joining Northeast Airlines, which merged with Delta, as a pilot. After 20 years, he took early retirement and devoted his time to conservation of land and cooperative farming. He is survived by wife Mary Lou (King) '55, children Monica, Doug, and Jennifer, six grandchildren, including Sydney Copp '01, and two great-grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include nephews William Kelly '76 and Christer Wollmar '93.

56 **Hawley D. Jones**, 86, of Williston, Vt., on March 11, 2021. A member of Delta Upsilon, he served active duty in the Army after graduation before moving to NYC to work in insurance. In 1969 he began a long career in banking, working for Consumers Savings Bank as assistant manager of banking offices administration, director of personnel, and a loan officer. He graduated from the Graduate School of Savings Banking at Brown Univ. in 1974 and was promoted to assistant vice president at Consumers. In 1981, he was made vice president. He retired in 1997 from Fleet Bank of Massachusetts as a vice president. He is survived by wife Sandra (Strang), children Michael and Holly, and three granddaughters.

Zane Hickcox Kotker, 87, of Northampton, Mass., on February 8, 2021. A Kappa Kappa Gamma, she earned a master's in history from Columbia Univ. in 1960. From 1956 until 1969, she worked as a researcher, teacher, reporter, editor, and writer in New York City. She then began writing fiction and produced several novels, including *Bodies in Motion*, *A Certain Man*, *White Rising*, *Try to Remember*, and *The Inner Sea*. She also published a poetry chapbook, a novella, and a collection of short stories. While taking care of a husband with MS, she wrote under a pseudonym *Mainstay: For the Well Spouse of the Chronically Ill* and she founded the Well Spouse Assoc. Predeceased by husband Norman, she is survived by children David and Ariel. Middlebury relatives include father Edward '26 (deceased) and brother Edward '53.

57 **Glen E. Graper**, 86, of Freedom, N.H., on February 19, 2021. A member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, he earned his law degree from Boston Univ. School of Law. He was a member of the New Hampshire Bar Assoc. and was admitted to practice law in the Federal District Court and the U.S. Supreme Court. He served two terms as Rockingham County Attorney and practiced law in Portsmouth for 56 years before retiring in 2017. Predeceased by son Jeffrey, he is survived by wife Mary Lou (Haug), sons Richard and Matthew, stepson Jeffrey Trenholm, and two granddaughters.

Llewellyn K. Perkins, 91, of Greensboro, N.C., on April 3, 2021. He was a corporal in the Army and served as a medic, who was sent to Japan shortly before the Korean War ended. A member of Alpha Sigma Psi at Middlebury, he worked in the chemical and textile industries and retired from the Sherwin-Williams plant in Greensboro, where he was a quality control manager. Earlier in his career, he applied for and was offered a position as a special agent for the FBI but turned it down because the training meant a long separation from his family. He is survived by wife Charlotte and sons Russell and Michael. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Melvin, Class of 1922.

Briggs F. Spach Jr., 85, formerly of Huntington, N.Y., on March 11, 2021. A Zeta Psi at Middlebury, he served in the Army at Fort Monmouth, N.J. With an MBA from Adelphi Univ., he worked for various companies in purchasing and contracts before joining Mergenthaler Lintotype Co. as a project coordinator, later becoming systems contracts administrator. Moving to Grumman Aerospace, he managed a major radar development subcontract for the E2C early warning aircraft. He retired in 1999. He and wife Louise (Benjamin) had two children, Charles and Virginia.

58 **J. Dean Clewley**, 84, of Needham, Mass., on March 2, 2021. After graduation, he worked at General Electric in Burlington, Vt., then earned his master's in 1966 and PhD in physics in 1971 from the Univ. of Vermont. He was a physics professor at Trinity College in Burlington and a researcher in the Chemistry Dept. at UVM. He collaborated on more than 55 scientific papers on his field. Predeceased by wife Elizabeth (Clark), he is survived by daughters Anne and Liesl, and two grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include aunt Margaret Clewley Williams '32 (deceased), brother D. Bruce Clewley '56 (deceased), and great-nephew William Clewley '17.

William L. Gallagher, 85, of Southwest Harbor, Maine, on February 22, 2021. He joined the Air Force, where he served several years before being medically discharged. He worked as a private pilot, a building contractor, and a developer in the Hamptons of New York. Moving to Maryland, he was the president of Shamrock Airlines in Easton, Md., in the 1970s. Predeceased by wife Sue (Hennings), son Christopher, and granddaughter Eurith, he is survived by children Freya, Katherine, Mark, Michael, and Kevin, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Emily Andrews Leeds, 84, of Middlebury, Vt., on March 2, 2021. A member of Pi Beta Phi, she was a ski instructor in Massachusetts, Colorado, and Vermont. She also taught horse-riding lessons and volunteered many years with a therapeutic riding program. She also volunteered for hospice and at the Ripton Elementary School library. She is survived by children William, Gregory, and Gwendolyn, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Edward C. Sitts, 84, of Verona, N.Y., on February 14, 2021. A Zeta Psi at Middlebury, he earned his degree at New York Univ. He spent his career at Oneida, which included several years as a salesman, then as assistant sales manager, product development manager, and finally vice president, purchase products from which he retired in 1999. He had a parallel career for 30 years in the Army Reserve as a member of upstate New York's 98th Division, earning the rank of full colonel. Predeceased by wife Marcia (Gillis) '61, he is survived by children Anne, David, Michael, Laurie, Karen, Nadine, Elizabeth, and Joel, 19 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

59 **Paul E. Bonner**, 83, of Centralia, Wash., on April 27, 2021. A Kappa Delta Rho, he entered military service after graduation and served five years of active and reserve duty with the Army Signal Corps. With an MBA from the Univ. of Chicago, he had a 38-year business career beginning at Mead Johnson/Bristol Myers. He then worked for a company that did aptitude testing for industry, and for an association specializing in human resource management for more than 5,000 member companies. He is survived by wife Barbara, daughter Elizabeth, stepdaughter Tracy, and three grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include mother Marguerite (Wellman) '31 and brother Peter '58 (both deceased) and nephew Matthew Bonner '91.

Peter Lahdenpera, 83, of Fort Collins, Colo., on July 3, 2019. A member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, he was a standout cross-country skier and became an officer stationed at the Army's Modern Winter Biathlon Training Center in Alaska after graduation. He eventually competed on the U.S. Cross-Country and Biathlon teams at multiple World Championships and in five Olympics between 1960 and 1972. His contributions to the sport of biathlon over the years included coaching, development, and administration and in 2019, he was inducted into the U.S. Biathlon Hall of Fame. In 1963, he and his then-wife cofounded the Alpine Haus sporting goods company in Fort Collins and grew the business to include stores around Colorado and Wyoming. Later he ran a division of Gart Brothers Sporting Goods. Predeceased by son Erik, he is survived by daughter Heather and two grandchildren.

Ruth Wininger Reiterman, 83, of Ashland, Ore., on February 25, 2021. A member of Sigma Kappa, she earned her MSW from the Univ. of California, Berkeley, in 1964. She worked at three different mental health agencies with children and their parents before joining Kaiser Permanente Dept. of Psychiatry as a psychotherapist. Predeceased by husband Carl, she is

survived by daughter Ellen. Middlebury relatives include sister Clementine Wininger Gregory '53.

Cynthia Haver Rigas, 83, of Pound Ridge, N.Y., on April 4, 2021. A member of Delta Delta Delta, she moved to NYC and worked many years for the American Field Service, working as codirector of selection and placement. While raising her children, she was an active volunteer with the local AFS and many other organizations. She was also on the Board of Education and was eventually hired to run the Pound Ridge Recreation Dept. Predeceased by husband Frank, she is survived by daughters Katherine and Elizabeth, and four grandchildren.

Orson L. St. John, 83, of North Pomfret, Vt., on January 28, 2021. After earning his MBA at the Univ. of Chicago, he enlisted in the Army and was stationed in Fort Benning, Ga. He then took a job with IBM in White Plains, N.Y. Moving to a farm in Vermont, he began his business brokerage career focusing on small market mergers and acquisitions. He also raised beefalo and worked the land on the farm. Predeceased by wife Tania (Carr), he is survived by partner Connie Anderson, children George, Biria, and Meg, and seven grandchildren.

60 **A. Russell Heaton Jr.**, 83, of Durango, Colo., on January 22, 2021. A Delta Upsilon at Middlebury, he attended Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I., in 1961 and served as a gunnery officer aboard the *John W. Weeks*. Released from active duty in 1964, he became a partner in Luckey, Waterman and Heaton in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Moving to Vermont, he started his own property management company, running it in Waitsfield until he retired in 1999. He is survived by wife Linda (Liston), children Joan and Gardner, and four grandchildren.

61 **Robert A. Leverant**, 81, of Sebastopol, Calif., on February 28, 2021. A member of Chi Psi at Middlebury, he spent time in India studying Buddhism after college. He moved to San Francisco, where he was a professional photographer and wrote the book *Zen in the Art of Photography*. Moving to Sebastopol, he practiced as a licensed marriage and family counselor for many years. He is survived by daughter Zoe Beery.

Lloyd W. Pomeroy, 82, of Falls Church, Va., on April 10, 2021. A Zeta Psi, he was commissioned into the Army and was a graduate of the U.S. Army Language Institute in Monterey, Calif. He served two tours in Vietnam in Army Intelligence and was awarded the Bronze Star, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Honor Medal. He also received the Soldiers Medal in 1970 for rescuing troops from a burning gunship. After leaving the service, he pursued a career in real estate before working at George Washington Hospital. He is survived by sister Susan Lennox and her family.

62 **Barbara A. Bonnaviat**, 81, of Bradenton, Fla., on February 8, 2021. A Pi Beta Phi, she earned her master's in French from Middlebury in 1965. She spent 13 years teaching French for the Department of Defense Overseas Schools in France, Turkey, Japan, Germany, and Bahrain, before returning to the U.S. to work in real estate in New Jersey. She then returned to teaching for the Department of Defense in Iceland and England before retiring in 2004. After living in England for many years, she moved to Florida in 2015.

Alice Couperus Gross, 80, of Peabody, Mass., on March 9, 2021. A member of Theta Chi Omega at Middlebury, she was sworn in as a second lieutenant in the Army on graduation day. In 1963, she graduated from the Medical Field Service School with a certificate in physical therapy. After serving her time of obligation with the Army, she took a job at Massachusetts General Hospital as a chest physical therapist, eventually becoming head of the department. After retiring, she continued part time as a physical therapist at Winchester (Mass.) Hospital. Predeceased by husband Brian Gross, she is survived by stepchildren Eliot, Janet, and Burton, and six grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include grandfather Edmund Duffield, Class of 1904; father Pierce '37 and mother Ruth Duffield Couperus '38; great-uncles John, Class of 1902, and Maurice Duffield, Class of 1920; great-aunts Gertrude Duffield Waldo, Class of 1909, and Edith Duffield, Class of 1917; and uncle Thomas Duffield '33, and aunt Winifred Duffield Taylor '38. Surviving Middlebury relatives include sister Judy Couperus Stickler '65, niece Karin Radasch Maddox '85, and great-niece Lucy Maddox '19.

Suzanne Wright LaTulippe, 80, of Malabar, Fla., on January 22, 2021. A Delta Delta Delta at Middlebury, she completed nurse's training in 1973 and earned her BS from Rollins College in 1980. For many years she worked as an office nurse and surgical assistant to an orthopedic surgeon in Melbourne, Fla. Predeceased by first husband Bill Smith and sons Thomas and Michael Smith, she is survived by second husband Robert, children Toni, Travis, and Todd, six grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

65 **Marilyn J. Madden**, 77, of Canmore, Alberta, Canada, on April 15, 2021. A member of Delta Delta Delta, she received a certificate in business training from Katharine Gibbs Secretarial School in 1966 and worked in corporate business in Belgium and Denver. Moving to Washington, D.C., she worked on a campaign staff, did two stints at the White House as an executive secretary, and was an assistant to the president of Potomac International Corp. She then pursued

GEORGE B. TODD
MAY 31, 1935–AUGUST 27, 2021

Teacher, musician, and composer George B. Todd, Christian A. Johnson Professor Emeritus of Music, of New Haven, Vermont, died on August 27, 2021. He was 86 years old.

Brought up in Evanston, Illinois, he matriculated at Amherst College, where he became involved in many musical activities. After graduating, he earned an MBA at Stanford Business School then moved to Germany and did a stint with Radio Free Europe. At this point he realized that music was his life's love and returned to earn his MFA at Princeton University.

He joined the faculty at Middlebury in 1965, becoming an assistant professor in 1967, associate professor with tenure in 1971, and full professor in 1977. In 1984 he was named Christian A. Johnson Professor of Music. During his time in the Music Department, he served many years as chair of the department.

With a love of electroacoustic music born during his Princeton years, he established the Middlebury Electroacoustic Studio in 1970 and was the director of it for years. He released several albums of his own electronic compositions and composed many pieces for performances. When the synclavier, an early digital synthesizer, began to be produced in Norwich, Vermont, it became an important part of his work.

While electroacoustic music was a passion of Todd's, the courses he taught ranged over a wide variety of genres, from theory and analysis to composition, classical music, medieval and Renaissance music, 20th-century music, computer music, and Mozart opera.

Peter Hamlin '73, Middlebury Christian A. Johnson Professor Emeritus of Music, says, "One of George's gifts was bringing the same excitement of discovery to all genres of music and inspiring his students to unleash their own creative passions and curiosities about them."

Todd is survived by sons Grey and Scott, daughter Kate, and grandsons Clayton and Jeremy.

graduate work in anthropology at American Univ., where she was also a teaching assistant, and worked many years as an applied medical anthropologist doing research with a consulting firm. She is survived by sister Sharon Madden Harkness and extended family.

67 **Alison C. Brown**, 75, of Denver, Colo., on June 21, 2019. A member of Sigma Kappa, she completed a one-year course in medical technology at the Univ. of Colorado Medical Center in Denver. She worked in hospital labs as a medical technician then in 1980 became a computer programmer and later a programmer analyst for Hewlett-Packard. She transitioned to becoming a technical writer for various clients, and eventually was a writer of user manuals for software for the brokerage industry. She was very involved with Toastmasters International and served as president for several years.

Judith VanNostrand Sturgis, 75, of Simsbury, Conn., on April 18, 2021. At Middlebury, she was a member of Delta Delta Delta. She worked as a Chapter 1 tutor and kindergarten teacher before earning her master's in special education. She then taught first grade for over 30 years at the Simsbury Public Schools, at Tariffville School, at Squadron Line School, and at Central Elementary School, retiring in 2003. She was an accomplished watercolorist. Predeceased by daughter Katey, she is survived by husband Bob, son James, stepchildren Guy and Tamitha, and five grandchildren.

69 **Harriet C. Arnone**, 74, of Jersey City, N.J., on February 9, 2021. Earning a PhD in psychology from City Univ. of New York, she worked at a variety of organizations, including the Urban Institute of Washington, D.C., the Institute for Middle East Peace and Development, Metro-North Commuter Railroad, and the New York Institute of Technology. She traveled the world both professionally and personally. Predeceased by husband Martin Schuster, she is survived by sons Chris and Andrew, stepchildren Ariel and Shira, and six grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

70 **Richard L. McCann**, 72, of Chapel Hill, N.C., on February 5, 2021. A Zeta Psi, he earned his medical degree from Cornell and completed his surgical residency at Duke Univ. Medical Center. He was then appointed chief of vascular surgery at Duke and spent his career working at the medical center and serving on the faculty of the Dept. of Surgery. In retirement he worked at the associated VA hospital. He and his wife also volunteered at Hôpital Albert Schweitzer in rural Haiti several times. He is survived by wife Meg (Floyd) '70, children Jennifer and Joshua, and two grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include sister Mary McCann-Baker '77.

71 **Madeline Neilson Rockwell**, 71, of Pawlet, Vt., on March 4, 2021. She taught skiing at Killington, the Snow Bowl, Bromley, and Pico and was certified as a Professional Ski Instructor of America. She dedicated much of her time to helping others, founding Vermont Reading Partners to combat adult illiteracy, serving on the board of Literacy Volunteers of America, and volunteering with Bart Adaptive Sports Center on the slopes and on the board, to name a few of her many activities. She is survived by husband Charles '71, daughters Katherine and Susan, and two grandchildren.

72 **Peter R. Russell**, 69, of Mount Kisco, N.Y., on April 11, 2020. With graduate work at UVM, he received his CPA and worked as a staff accountant at Gordon and Sherman in Burlington, Vt. Moving to New York City, he was the manager of financial reporting at Showtime/the Movie Channel, assistant controller at Vestron Films, and royalties manager at Simon & Schuster, then practiced public accounting in Stamford, Conn. He is survived by wife Robin (Fuller), and sons Geoffrey and John.

73 **John H. Coleman Jr.**, 70, of Pound Ridge, N.Y., on January 21, 2021. A member of Delta Upsilon, he worked in institutional investment sales for Phoenix Mutual Life in NYC and later with Wachovia Bank in Winston-Salem, N.C. Returning to New York, he joined the management team of NYFIX, a pioneer of electronically based stock order routing to the NYSE. He is survived by sons John and Bryan.

79 **Thomas A. Howe**, 64, of Gilmanton Ironworks, N.H., on January 26, 2021. With a master's from the Univ. of Michigan Graduate School of Urban Planning, he worked for 10 years at the Lakes Region Conservation Trust in New Hampshire as their first executive director. He then joined the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, where he worked for 24 years, most recently as the senior director of land conservation. He took great delight in conserving trails, trout streams, mountainsides, urban farms, and rich habitat throughout the state. He is survived by wife Sarah Thorne and children Phoebe '15 and Peter '18. Middlebury relatives include brother Sam '71 and aunt Sidney Brock Gates '55.

81 **Judy L. Holland**, 61, of Washington, D.C., on April 19, 2021. With a degree from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern Univ., she had a long career in journalism, beginning at the *Valley News Dispatch* in the Pittsburgh area. She then worked at the *Tampa Tribune* before moving to Washington to work as a Capitol Hill correspondent for State News Service then at the Hearst Newspapers, where she spent 13 years and became national bureau editor. She won the Hearst Eagle Award for journalistic excellence. She launched Parentinsider.com, an online magazine about parenting teens. She also published the book and podcast series *HappiNest: Finding Fulfillment When Your Kids Leave Home*. She is survived by husband John Starr and children Lindsay, Maddie, and Jack.

83 **Craig B. Morrow**, 56, of Las Vegas, N.V., on June 24, 2018. Earning his MD from Medical College of Ohio in 1988 and doing his residency at McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern Univ., he began his primary care practice with Southwest Medical Associates (SMA) in Las Vegas. He eventually accepted a position as medical director and vice president for SMA, Health Plan of Nevada, and United Health Services, where he worked for 23 years. He is survived by wife Sherri (Jones), and children Isabella and Jackson.

88 **Claire-Louise Geisler-Wright**, 55, of Palm Beach, Fla., on March 16, 2021. She earned two master's degrees from NYU, one in healthcare administration and one in hospital administration. She became the administrative assistant to the physician in chief of Rockefeller Univ. Hospital and was an administrator at New York-Cornell Hospital. Moving to Florida, she worked as a rehabilitation counselor. She was an active fundraiser and volunteered for Palm Beach Not-for-Profits. She is survived by husband Frederick Wright as well as her parents and brother and extended family.

Catherine Booras Rubarth, 54, of Dallas, Texas, on February 4, 2021. After graduation she worked in Middlebury's Admissions Office for two years as an assistant director of admissions. She then worked at Stroock and Stroock and Lavan in L.A. as assistant director of recruiting and marketing before going to work for IDC in New Jersey as a program director. She moved on to work as a corporate sales executive at Tiffany and Co. in Indianapolis before moving to Texas. In 2009, she joined the advancement team at St. Mark's School in Dallas, becoming the director of communications. She is survived by sons Andy, Charlie, and Oliver.

90 **Stephen R. Lauterbach**, 52, of Las Vegas, Nev., on March 19, 2021. A member of Delta Upsilon at Middlebury, he earned his MD in 1994 from SUNY Upstate Medical School, Syracuse. He worked in private practice for eight years in L.A., and in Utica and Binghamton, N.Y., for seven years. He then worked as medical director for Xablecath in Salt Lake City, Utah, promoting new technology focused on improving patient care in the treatment of peripheral vascular disease. He participated in numerous clinical studies and research and had many publications. He is survived by son Theodore, his parents, and his siblings, including Michael '96, and their families.

23 **Miguel Sanchez-Tortoledo**, 19, of Bell Gardens, Calif., on August 14, 2021, of cancer. A sociology major, he was a student leader on campus. He was elected a senator to the Student Government Assoc. as a first-year and re-elected for his sophomore and junior years. As a senator, he helped bring forth legislation to support student activities and anti-racism initiatives, hosted the Sophomore Social, and advocated for mental health resources. A first-generation student, he worked to increase resources for other first-gens. He was a member of Tavern social house, UMOJA, Middlebury's African student organization, the Student Investment Committee, the German Club, and MiddVolunteers. He served on Community Council and as a MiddView leader. He is survived by his parents, Juana Tortoledo and Miguel Sanchez.

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Rhoda Beeman Brown, 73, of New Haven, Vt., on February 16, 2021. She was brought up in Orwell, Vt., and joined the custodial team at the College in May 2003. She took great pride in maintaining her assigned buildings around campus, which included the president's house at 3 South Street. She also worked at the Museum of Art and took great care in cleaning the galleries. She is remembered as dedicated and diligent with a great sense of humor. She is survived by son Scott, daughter Tara Knapp, and three grandchildren.

Rodney J. DeGray, 89, of Salisbury, Vt., on September 21, 2021. A graduate of Middlebury High School in 1951, he joined the College staff that same year as a dishwasher in Dining Services and worked his way to chef and then Dining Services assistant director. When he retired in 2001, he was the first College staff member to complete 50 years of service. He continued to work as a dining consultant for Middlebury until 2017. In the 1950s, he also served in the Army during the Korean War, and he was a lifetime member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Predeceased by grandson Jeremiah, he is survived by wife Beverly Dragon DeGray, also a longtime Middlebury employee and retiree, daughters Kim and Tae, and two granddaughters.

Joyce Allen Vincent, 79, of Addison, Vt., on August 3, 2021. She joined the College staff in 1988 as a dispatcher in Public Safety then spent several years in custodial services. She retired from Middlebury as a receptionist in the Athletics Dept. in 2003. Her daughter, Cathy Vincent, is a member of the Human Resources Dept. and her granddaughter, Michelle Davis, works in Student Affairs. Joyce was an avid collector of treasures and a spirited crafter with a particular love of celebrating the holidays with her family. She is survived by husband Ronald, children Jeff, Tina, William, Cathy, Wyatt, Wade, Michael, Chad, and Jason, 12 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS FACULTY

Jan Knippers Black, 81, of Monterey, Calif., on August 15, 2021. A professor emerita at the Middlebury Institute, she was a globally recognized expert on Latin America, its political dynamics, and the relationship of the countries of the region to the U.S. Born in Tennessee, she earned a BA in art and Spanish from the Univ. of Tennessee, an MA in Latin American studies from the School of International Service at American Univ., and a PhD in international studies, also from American Univ. She was among the first generation of Peace Corps volunteers, serving in Chile. Before coming to Monterey, she held teaching or research appointments at American Univ., the Univ. of New Mexico, the Univ. of Pittsburgh's Semester-at-Sea, and St. Antony's College, Oxford Univ. She held Fulbright, Mellon, and other grants, fellowships, and visiting and honorary faculty positions in Latin America, the Caribbean, and India. She joined the MIIS faculty in 1991 and was a longtime professor of international policy and management. She was a mentor to hundreds of students who went on to work for organizations that are devoted to her passionate commitments to human rights and equity. She also brought students around the world in on-site study excursions, especially in Cuba and Chile as well as Bhutan, Iran, and the Balkans. In 2018, she made a generous gift to launch the Jan Knippers Black Fund for Human Rights at MIIS. Predeceased by first husband John Black and second husband Martin Needler, she is survived by sister Nancy Willbanks and brother Otis Knippers Jr. and their families, and stepson Dan Needler and his family.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

54 **Joan M. Gallagher**, 87, MA Spanish, of Penn Yan, N.Y., on February 7, 2021. For several years she taught Spanish, Latin, and French at Lake Grove School on Long Island and later at other schools in central New York.

56 **Merton L. Bland**, 89, MA French, of Arlington, Va., on January 14, 2021. In the 1950s, he served in the Army, stationed in Germany. In 1963, he joined the Foreign Service and then worked 30 years for the U.S. Information Service, serving in Africa and Pakistan. In retirement, he taught English in China, Malaysia, Vietnam, South Korea, Guinea, and Morocco.

60 **Barbara Armstrong Asher**, 89, MA French, of Morrisville, N.C., on January 23, 2021. She taught French at Greenwich (Conn.) High School and later became the program director at the Greenwich Senior Center. She was a member of the Alliance Française.

62 **Anna Lee Gorham**, 94, MA French, of Birmingham, Ala., on January 13, 2020. She was an educator in the Maine and Massachusetts school systems and was a member of the Maine Teachers Assoc. and the NEA. She was also a leader of the Experiment in International Living.

65 **Alexander Zyznewski**, 78, MA German, of Las Vegas, N.V., on October 22, 2020. He was a retired professor and dean from the Univ. of Maryland, Ukrainian Free Univ.

67 **Regina Mongelli Ammerman**, 75, MA Spanish, of Tucson, Ariz., on January 18, 2021. She taught at Southern Arizona School for Boys, and later in life, she worked as a seamstress and became a well-known artist in watercolors.

Roger J. Brunelle, 86, MA French, of Lowell, Mass., on February 10, 2021. After serving in the Army, he was employed for 48 years as a French and Latin teacher in public high schools in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

68 **Alex Quiroga**, 85, MA Spanish, of Marblehead, Mass., on January 29, 2021. He was professor emeritus at Salem State Univ., where he taught Spanish and literature, and he retired in 1996 as head of the Foreign Language Dept. In 1986 he was awarded the Outstanding Teacher Award in Massachusetts and he was awarded Professor of the Year in Foreign Languages at the national level.

72 **Helen M. Woods**, 94, MA Spanish, of North Andover, Mass., on February 2, 2021. She was a Maryknoll Sister from 1948 until 1969 in Lima, Peru, and Bolivia. She taught Spanish for many years in Saugus, Mass.

77 **Dona Libengood-Ewell**, 78, MA French, of New Kensington, Pa., on February 16, 2021. She helped her husband build his successful oral surgery practice, and she was a staunch advocate of education.

80 **Augustine M. Esposito**, 69, MA Spanish, of Villanova, Pa., on January 9, 2021. He was received into the Augustinian Province order as a novice in 1972 and professed simple vows in 1973 and solemn vows in 1977. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1979 and over the years worked in many different capacities in education and ministry.

92 **Lori K. Denkewalter**, 59, MA Spanish, of Heath, Ohio, on January 22, 2021. She was instrumental in starting the Spanish Department at Springfield (Ohio) South High School and also taught at Graham High School.